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HO TO ASSUME POST TODAY Formation Of Cabinet To Be Premier's First Task NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS

Nanking, March 13.
The newly appointed Prime Minister, General Ho Ying-chin, is to return to Nanking tomorrow to assume his new post.

Peace Envoys May Join Cabinet

Shanghai, March 13.
All the three members of the Shanghai peace delegation, which recently laid the foundation for formal negotiations between the Communists and the Nationalists in North China, have been invited to join General Ho Ying-chin's new streamlined peace Cabinet as Inner Cabinet members, according to press reports here today.

They are the veteran statesman and diplomat, Dr. W. W. Yen, the nationally famous jurist, Mr. Kiang Yung and Mr. Chang Shu-chao, all of whom are held in high esteem by the Communists.

Although General Ho Ying-chin's Cabinet will have fewer portfolios, the new Premier is reported to be contemplating the creation of a policy-making Inner Cabinet of at least nine Ministers without portfolio, the majority of whom advocates of peace at any price.

In addition to the three members of the Shanghai delegation, Mr. Shao Li-tse, General Chiang Kai-shek's military spokesman, Tenz Wenyi, at a press conference last Thursday said he had received no information to confirm or deny such reports.

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Bad weather in Nanking changed General Ho's original plan to fly here direct from Hangchow today. He arrived by train in Shanghai this morning where he is spending the night.

General Ho's first task on arrival here is to line up his new Cabinet which, on the basis of past experience, will not be an easy one because of the general unwillingness to take up unofficial posts.

Meanwhile, the Legislative Yuan's special committee has approved the bill to cut down the number of portfolios from 18 to 11. The bill will be presented to the next meeting of the Yuan for second reading.

The bill provided for the retention of the portfolios of National Defense, Interior, Foreign Affairs, Education, Finance, Judicial Administration, Communications, Industry and Commerce, Agriculture and Forestry and the Commission of Overseas Chinese Affairs and Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs.

Unconfirmed Chinese reports today said three to five Communist columns of General Lin Piao's troops have arrived at Haichow, rail hub 250 miles North of Nanking.

The Southward movement of General Lin's forces had been reported frequently last week but the government's military spokesman, Tenz Wenyi, at a press conference last Thursday said he had received no information to confirm or deny such reports.

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Emphasizing from Li's office have made tentative informal inquiries on the possibility of a new grant or loan to tide the government over. "Much as American officials might like to help, the answer probably will be 'no' because such assistance would almost certainly provide new ammunition for the Communist propaganda machine. Proposals in Washington for more 'stop Communism' grants

Farmers Hunt MP's In London



Farmers from Gloucestershire ride down Piccadilly, London. They had been on the road from their homes since 4 o'clock in the morning. Their destination was the House of Commons, where they proposed to lobby Members of Parliament in a protest against the proposed introduction of a Bill to outlaw Blood Sports, among which is fox hunting, a great sport with the farmers.—AP Photo.

Some 21,000 Foreigners Study In U.S.

New York, March 13.
An estimated 21,000 young men and women from other countries are studying in United States colleges and universities in the current academic year. This is nearly three times the pre-war number.

At the same time, an estimated 11,000 American students are attending schools and colleges in other countries.

The largest group of foreign students in the United States, totaling about 7,500, is from the British Commonwealth and Europe. There are about 5,000 from India, China and other parts of Asia; 4,800 from other American republics and 3,100 from the Middle East and Africa.

Government quarters expect the present figure will be greatly increased during the next few years as the result of plans now being drawn up by the United States Advisory Commission on educational exchange.

The Advisory Commission has authorized the State Department to provide for interchanges on a reciprocal basis between the United States and other countries of students, teachers, researchers, instructors, professors and readers in fields of specialized knowledge.

The exchange programmes under the Act are expected to become operative next year under dollar appropriations made available by the United States Congress.—Reuter.

POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM MENACED BY BULGARIAN GOVT

London, March 13.
Britain charged today that Bulgaria has no intention of fulfilling her peace treaty guarantees of political and religious freedom. The charge was made in a sharp protest note against the trial of 15 Protestant Church leaders. It declared the churchmen's confessions that they spied for Britain were "completely false", and added:

"Religious freedom in Eastern Europe is under a deliberate general attack."

Four of the Protestant leaders were sentenced to life and the others to one to 15 years last week after they pleaded guilty to espionage and other charges.

The British note was delivered yesterday to the Bulgarian Foreign Ministry in Sofia.

An informed source close to the Foreign Office said Britain may "take stronger steps" later. The peace treaties with Bulgaria and other former Nazi satellite states provide that disputes over violation of the pact shall be settled by the United Nations if direct negotiations fail.

"Throughout the trial the Bulgarian government has shown itself clearly more interested in the dissemination of propaganda than in the administration of justice," said the British note, made public here by the Foreign Office.

"In order to destroy the liberty of these churchmen, it has sought to represent constitutional opposition to the government as criminal, the provision of information implicit in the armistice agreement as treasonable, and normal social contacts between the pastors and members of His Majesty's Legation as espionage."

"It has further endeavored to persuade the world that true religious freedom is compatible with the exercise of power by a Communist government."

"Neither His Majesty's Government nor the British people are deceived by these attempts."

The note said the trial has convinced Britain that the Bulgarian government "has no intention of giving effect to its solemn obligations" under the terms of the peace treaty which guarantee the fundamental freedoms to its people.—Associated Press.

PROTECTION AGAINST RADIATION DANGER URGED

Washington, March 12.
The Atomic Commissioner, Lewis Strauss, believes that the United States ought to do something soon about protecting its citizens against radiation dangers of atomic warfare.

In a speech last night, Mr. Strauss declared that the facts of Bikini definitely disprove the contention of some military spokesmen that the atomic bomb is "just another weapon." He called for action on the radiological section of the report submitted to the Defense Department last November on "civil defense for national security."

He said, "Certainly that part of the report should not be permitted to gather dust before its implementation."

Addressing the Eastern Conference of Radiologists, Mr. Strauss took issue with extremists of "two quite distinct schools of thought." One group forecasts the atomic extermination of man. The other says that the bomb, while "a little bigger, bang and a little nastier in effect" than other weapons, is "just something to be taken in the stride of any people at war."

Mr. Strauss said, "The fact of these things is generally accepted, can lead to hysteria and panic, and even, worse, to defeatism." But the second, he added, "can produce an equally damaging condition of indifference and unpreparedness."

Mr. Strauss said the bomb's radiological effects cannot be dismissed. But he added, "The public needs to have a substantial part of its fears—the unreasoning part, that is to say—erased."

China Reds Ready To Implement Labour Insurance

Shanghai, March 13.
The Chinese Communist authorities, in one of their most significant reforms so far, are getting ready to implement a labour insurance act which will enable China's millions of workers and employees to enjoy the privileges accorded to workers throughout the world.

This Act, the North East Provisional Wartime Labour Insurance Act, designed to protect the health of workers and employees and reduce the difficulties of life during war time, will be first implemented in Communist-held Manchuria, where it comes into force on April 1.

State-owned industries, such as mining, munitions, power, textile and railway, have already set up labour insurance committees, which will help run the scheme locally.

For three decades, Chinese workers have been striking and struggling for labour insurance. Today, they are preparing to welcome it in Manchuria and soon, it is expected, throughout the country.

Passed by Manchuria's Democratic Government in February, the Act, it is asserted, is winning wide acclaim everywhere in Manchuria. Everything is being done by trade unions to acquaint the workers with its contents and special pamphlets have been printed for distribution.

The Act stipulates that each State-owned enterprise in Manchuria is to set aside a sum amounting to three per cent of its total wages for labour insurance. Seventy per cent of this sum is to be used in the enterprise as a labour insurance fund for its own workers, and 30 per cent deposited with the North East Bank as a general labour insurance fund.

Typical of comments on the North East Provisional Wartime Labour Insurance Act is the following by a woman worker: "At last we women are delivered from a great headache."

This woman, who witnessed a colleague giving birth to a child beside a whirling machine during Japanese occupation days, together with the announcement of the implementation of this Act comes a report from Communist-controlled areas showing that workers are being given more voice in their own affairs.

Workers are encouraged to air their views in the columns of newspapers. Manchuria's leading paper, the North East Daily, has columns devoted to the workers. In this column, workshop reports and industrial items appear frequently.

In Tientsin, North China's main port, Communist occupation has been followed with the organization of provisional councils of workers' representatives.

Workers and employees of various enterprises have elected their representatives on the shop steward system. These representatives are picked by secret ballot.

These provisional councils should the task of looking after the education of workers and aiding them to increase production and health benefit from the labour.

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Aggressive Tactics By HKU Decisive In Shuttle Win

This Week's Tennis Programme

The following are the tennis fixtures for the week to be played at the Cricket Club courts:

Today

Colony Open Doubles
Court 1: Ho Ka-lau and Pang Ol-lam v Lee Wai-long and C. Lau (Umpire: C. W. L.)
Court 2: D. J. Leonard and L. F. Souza v Tsai brothers (Umpire: K. A. Cook).
Club Singles
Court 3: B. T. M. Jones v G. B. Smart.
Court 4: P. H. Bonnerman v A. Furrer.
Court 5: Dr. H. Meyer v R. Segalen.
Court 6: D. Nolan v Harrison (Reply).

Tomorrow

Colony Open Doubles
Court 1: P. H. Bonnerman and T. E. Rodrigues v Tsai brothers and L. Leonard and L. F. Souza.
Court 2: Lee Yau-wing and Wong Shiu-wing v Lee Wai-long and K. H. Ip or Ho Ka-lau and Pang Ol-lam.
Club Singles
Court 3: J. D. Mackie v D. Nolan or Harrison.
Court 4: G. B. Smart or B. M. T. Jones v Bonnerman or Furrer.
Court 5: J. B. Hathorn v R. Segalen or Dr. H. Meyer.
Court 6: J. L. C. Pearce v M. Heenan.

Wednesday

Colony Open Singles (Quarter-finals)
Court 1: K. H. Ip v George Choa.
Court 2: Tsai Yun-pui v J. H. Hathorn.
Court 3: Ruch Leung v R. Segalen.
Court 4: Lee Boon-sing v Tsai Wai-pui.
Club Handicap Singles
Court 5: W. J. D. Cooper v J. D. Mackie.
Court 6: M. A. D. Clinton v K. J. Riddy.

Thursday

Colony Open Doubles (Quarter-finals)
Court 1: 1st quarter.
Court 2: 2nd quarter.
Court 3: 3rd quarter.
Court 4: 4th quarter.
Club Handicap Singles
Court 5: Agafurov v A. Furrer.
Court 6: H. J. Armstrong v K. H. Getz.

Friday

Club Singles (Semi-final)
Court 1: 1st half.
Court 2: 2nd half.
Club Handicap Singles
Court 3: P. H. Bonnerman v Dr. H. Meyer.
Court 4: 2nd round of 1st quarter.
Court 5: 2nd round of 2nd quarter.
Court 6: 2nd round of 3rd quarter.

Nellie Landry Wins Egypt Tennis Title

Nanking, March 12. Madame Nelly Landry, of France, won the women's singles title when the Egyptian lawn tennis championships were continued here today.
In the final she beat Madame Faust of Italy, 6-3, 6-8, 6-0. Gottfried von Cramm (Germany) and Jack Harper (Australia) won the men's doubles title by a walkover. They were to have met the Czech pair, J. Drobny and V. Cernik, but Drobny was not fit. He is receiving electrical treatment for a strained back.
Madame Landry also reached the final of the mixed doubles in partnership with Budge Patty, the young American. In the semi-finals they beat Von Cramm and Miss Buxton Knight 6-2, 6-7.
In the final they will meet the Italians. Cuccilli and Madame Bossi, who today beat the British pair, Tony Mottram and Miss Joy Cannon 2-6, 6-2, 6-0.—Reuter.

YMCA TENNIS TOURNAMENT

More than 13 pairs took part in the all-day American tennis tournament arranged by the European YMCA Tennis Club at King's Park yesterday.
Winners of the tournament were Pierre Egul and Miss E. Horan who scored 60 points out of a possible 80. Runners-up were Mr. Shaw and Mrs. Dorcy with 51 points.
Prizes were distributed by Mr. Ken Wood, committeeman of the YMCA Tennis Club.
Another tournament is planned for March 27. Members interested are requested to watch the notice board at the YMCA.

Congratulations go to the University Senior Shuttle Team for winning the Senior Division's Championship as a result of a well-deserved win last Monday over the Chinese YMCA by seven games to two.

The Championship tournament went through another successful week. With the exception of three postponements, the whole programme of 26 fixtures was successfully completed.

By the end of the third week of the month, all the events will be in their semi-final stages.

Superior in every department of the game, the Undergrads well merited the honour of being the No. 1 team of the year. Their superior play was also far superior to those of their opponents.

Most of them have taken part in competitive tournaments in Mainland and have played with some of the top players there, and their understanding of the finer points of the game holds them in good stead.

With their yearly inflow of new talents from the "shuttle-land," it is doubted if the supremacy they acquired this year will easily be wrested from them in the next few seasons.

This year's League and Championship games have revealed a number of new talents who have all the potentialities of developing into the class of players that can take on the University, but lack the vital need of proper coaching.

The professional coach, Mr. Carnavaro during his short stay here has done a great deal to increase the standard among the junior players and also among the ladies. His continued presence in the colony may perhaps supply a vital need to aspiring shuttlers.

One Upset

Honours in the week's championship games go to D. C. Lau and W. C. Chung for being responsible for one of the two upsets during the week.

In a Junior Men's Doubles event, they struck their perfect form to eliminate University's seeded pair, N. K. Chin and M. T. Yeow, who were ranked top favourites for this event's honours.

Of the two, Lau was the more impressive with his hurricane smashes, although Chung provided the backbone with his coolness.

Now is one of the fastest players seen on the local court, and with a little more steadiness and accuracy should be heard of more often in local badminton.

Bill Funk and C. K. Lee were seen in fine wins in the Senior Singles event which is now in its semi-final stages.

W. F. Foo will now meet Lee, while the Bill Funk-Robert Tay encounter will take the semblance of a Shanghai-Hong Kong inter-port game.

Queen of the court for the week is young Miss Y. Franco of Recreio, who was greatly responsible for her Ladies' and Junior Mixed Doubles pairs advancing into next round. Her perfect execution of classical strokes and sense of court-craft, point her out as a future Colony Lady champion.

Miss Helen Kwong of the YMCA is another new lady player who caught the eye during the week's games in her Junior Mixed Doubles game. Her smashes at the net and her half-court drops have now developed greater accuracy and effectiveness.

Miss Inez Soares was unfortunate to have to meet Ullan Khoo, the former Colony Mixed Doubles Champion for many years.

Creditable Account

Though beaten she gave a credible account of herself as a Junior player. She had as much of the exchanges as her more experienced opponent, but made the mistake of playing to Ullan's strong point by attempting to hard all the time. Vol placed drop shots might have earned her a few more points.

Ullan's two performances this week show that she has regained much of her pre-war form, and I have a feeling that she will recapture the coveted title of the first Colony Ladies' champion this year.

Miss M. Silva and Miss M. Xavier are a class by themselves in the Ladies' Doubles event, and I don't see how they can miss the title this season.

In the only Senior Men's Doubles game of the week, M. A. Oliveira had the bad luck to dislocate his elbow when the score was 12-11 in the first set.

I understand from the Secretary of the VRC that the floor has been washed twice a week during the Championship games.

It must be admitted that the VRC court is one of the best courts in the colony, (and perhaps the best singles court), and the VRC's willingness to put it at the disposal of the Badminton Association is a gratifying gesture.

It is deeply regretted if our remarks in Saturday's paper have caused any inconvenience to them, in that no reference is made at all in that direction, nor to the merits of the court.

However, the upward consequence of a better court must be pointed out, and that more information be given by the Badminton Association Committee to see that

Fixtures For The Week

TODAY

(At VRC Court)

7.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles): P. Wong and S. C. Chan v H. F. Tai and W. C. Chung.
7.30 (Junior Men's Singles): D. C. Lau v W. C. Chung.
8.00 p.m. (Ladies' Doubles): Miss B. Remedios and Miss T. Remedios v Mrs. L. F. Stokes and Mrs. A. Tam-wah.
8.30 p.m. (Ladies' Singles): Miss H. Kwong v Miss Margaret Xavier.
9.00 p.m. (Junior Mixed Doubles): R. M. Soares and Mrs. E. Correa Tok v F. Brockbank and Mrs. L. Benjamin.
9.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles): J. A. Soares v M. Kempton.
10.00 p.m. (Senior Men's Doubles): R. Tay and P. H. Wong v R. Young and B. Funk.

TOMORROW

(At KCC Court)

7.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles): R. M. Soares and J. A. Soares v L. Pomeroy and G. Roza Pereira.
7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles): C. H. Ngan v K. P. Chong.
8.00 p.m. (Ladies' Doubles): Miss M. Leung and Miss A. Heah v Miss T. Bajtista and Miss Margie Xavier.
8.30 p.m. (Junior Mixed Doubles): A. J. Gensalves and Miss G. Silva v S. Guttinger and Miss M. Bajtista.
9.00 p.m. (Ladies' Doubles): Miss I. Soares and Miss Y. Franco v Miss H. Kwong and Miss H. P. Lam.
9.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles): E. M. Rozario and J. A. Motta v F. M. Ribeiro and T. E. Rodrigues.

THURSDAY

(At Club de Recreio)

7.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles): C. Quinn and A. J. Remedios v E. M. Rozario and J. A. Motta or F. M. Ribeiro and T. E. Rodrigues.
7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles): A. L. Fisher v M. T. Yeow.
8.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles): C. Y. Yung and K. P. Chong v H. Ngan and M. C. Hung.
8.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles): A. J. Sousa and F. M. Rozario v C. Lau and W. C. Chung.
9.00 p.m. (Senior Mixed Doubles): R. Tay and Miss M. Ribeiro v W. F. Foo and Miss H. Kwong.

FRIDAY

(At Victoria Recreation Club)

7.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles): W. C. Chung or D. C. Lau v H. J. Xavier.
7.30 p.m. (Ladies' Singles): Miss H. Kwong or Miss Margaret Xavier v Mrs. L. F. Stokes.
8.00 p.m. (Ladies' Singles): Miss Margie Xavier v Mrs. A. Tamworth.
8.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles): P. Wong and S. C. Chan or H. F. Tai and W. C. Chung v R. M. Soares and J. A. Soares or L. Pomeroy and G. Roza Pereira.

RACIAL BAR AT BOWLING

Atlantic City, N.J., March 12. The American Bowling Congress remained closed to all but "individuals of the white race" despite the plea of clergymen that the organization abolish racial restrictions.
At the annual tournament being held here, one Atlantic City team was forced to enter a white substitute to replace a member of Japanese ancestry. Rev. Michael J. Wozniak announced his resignation from the Congress Executive Committee "as a matter of principle."—United Press.

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L.G. Gosano Injured

L. G. ("Luigi") Gosano, Recreio's opening batsman, suffered a nasty injury during the Recreio-HKCC "Occasionals" friendly cricket game at King's Park yesterday.

Opening Recreio's second innings, Gosano, faced a short ball from Alan Stepto which rose sharply. He tried to hit it to square leg, but the ball struck his spectacles breaking them and causing wounds which necessitated six stitches. When contacted by the "China Mail" last night, Gosano said that the injury was not serious.

Boston Braves Have Eyes On Pennant

Bradenton, Florida, March 12.

We're the champions. We have definite designs on first place again. The other clubs will have to beat us. We're not ready to step aside for anybody.

So said Billy Southworth, manager of the defending champion Boston Braves as he discussed the National League picture.

"We'll be tougher to beat this year," Billy said, "because we have a better ball club than we had a year ago. Winning the pennant hasn't lulled the boys into complacency. On the contrary, they are more determined than ever. They are eager to prove that it wasn't all luck last year."

Southworth based his optimism on the following:
"Shortstop Alvin Dark will open the season as a proven big League winner. Last spring he was an untied rookie. The acquisition of Pete Reiser, the return of Jimmy Russell, the development of Vernon Riffe into a fine starting pitcher, and the wealth of manpower insuring a fine bench of reserves, all tend to make us stronger."

Southworth expressed the opinion that the race would be one of the tightest in years, because the clubs have levelled off. There isn't a real weak club in the League," he said.

"The Chicago Cubs and Philadelphia Phillies have been helped considerably. I would say they are the most improved teams in the circuit."

"Brooklyn, St. Louis, Pittsburgh and New York are the strong clubs. Cincinnati has some young fellows coming up, and a new manager who is very popular, but his chances are not as bright as those of the other clubs."

Billy declared that only Dark at short, and Bob Elliott at third base, were sure of their jobs. The other positions, he said, "That's a healthy sign."—Associated Press.

Six Cities Vying For Boxing Card

Miami, Florida, March 12. Joe Louis today revealed that six cities were vying for the International Boxing Club's Ezzard Charles-Joe Walcott bout, in which the winner will pick up the vacant heavyweight crown.

Louis said that he and his partners, Arthur Wirtz and James Norris, had decided to meet in Chicago on March 23, to give the nod to one of the cities and to discuss the details of the match.

The International Club has both fighters under contract and the proposed match was sanctioned as a title bout by the National Boxing Association when Louis announced that he was stepping from the ring permanently.

Louis indicated that he favoured Cleveland for the match. His promotional club received a bid from Larry Atkins to hold the fight there.

The former champion drew a \$47,000 gate on his exhibition bout in Cleveland and said he considered the city a good boxing spot.—United Press.

IRC Defeat RAF In League Match; Recreio XI Beaten

Indian Recreation Club beat RAF by 42 runs in a first League Cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Batting first, the Indians scored 114 runs, to which Minu and Khan each contributed 26. Mr. "Extras" also helped with 20.

Hodgson was the most successful bowler for the Airmen, capturing seven wickets for 30 runs.

Against the deadly bowling of Arculli (five for 29) and Minu (four for 32), the RAF were all skittled out for a paltry 72 runs. Gall, opening bat for the Airmen, had 95 to his credit.

he was bowled by Arculli. The only other batsman to reach double figures was Cross, who scored 17.

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Razack bowled b Hodgson 14
Imam c Campbell b Hodgson 5
Kitchell c Gall b Hodgson 6
Abbas lbw b Hodgson 3
F. M. Arculli bowled b Hodgson 12
Hodgson 26
Suffield bowled b Hodgson 1
Khan c Morris b Gambrell 20
A. el Arculli c Cross b Gambrell 0
Omar bowled b Hodgson 1
Sany not out 0
Extras 20
Total 114

Bowling Analysis
O M R W
Gambrell 14 4 30 3
Hodgson 14 5 39 7
Marshall 2 12 1
Follett 1 13 1

RAF
Gall b Arculli 27
Marshall lbw b Minu 1
Cross c Minu b Arculli 17
Morris c Cross b Arculli 17
Cross c Minu b Arculli 17
Bartrum bowled b Minu 4
Follett st. Imam b Minu 0
Hayhurst run out 0
Campbell bowled b Minu 0
Gambrell c Kitchell b Arculli 2
Hodgson not out 11
Extras 11
Total 72

Bowling Analysis
O M R W
A. Arculli 12 5 4 29 5
A. R. Minu 12 4 32 4

Recreio-Occasionals
Fine bowling by Alan Stepto and Frank Howarth brought about the defeat of Club de Recreio by four wickets when HKCC "Occasionals" visited the League Champions for an all-day two-innings friendly cricket game yesterday.

Winning the toss, Recreio's captain, A. M. Prata, decided to bat first.

With both Stepto and Howarth in top bowling form, the Champions were all back in the pavilion in one hour for the small total of 64 runs.

The "Occasionals" declared their first innings closed at 70 for two. Rowe had 49 not out to his credit.

Recreio's second innings was slightly better than the first. After scoring 97 runs for the loss of six wickets, Prata declared.

Alan Stepto claimed six wickets for 34 runs including that at L. G. Gosano, who was out for a "duck" with the first ball.

Frank Howarth accounted for the remaining four wickets yielding only 24.

A. M. Rodrigues and G. A. Souza contributed most of the 87 runs each scoring 23 runs.

The visitors' last innings total passed Recreio's aggregate after the sixth wicket.

L. F. Stokes was top-scorer for the "Occasionals" in the second innings, hitting up 30 before being caught by Beltrao off E. L. Gosano.

Recreio (1st Innings)

RECREIO (1st Innings)
E. M. L. Soares b Stepto 1
A. M. Rodrigues c Oliver b Howarth 3
G. N. Gosano b Howarth 3
G. A. Souza b Stepto 0
L. G. Gosano b Stepto 0
E. L. Gosano b Howarth 7
P. M. N. da Silva b Stepto 10
A. M. Prata b Howarth 3
N. A. Beltrao not out 14
A. P. Pereira b Stepto 3
B. T. Gosano b Stepto 11
Extras 5

Total 104

Bowling Analysis
O M R W
A. Stepto 9 1 2 34 6
F. Howarth 9 1 25 4
"Occasionals" (1st Innings)
L. F. Stokes c G. N. Gosano 13
G. T. Rowe not out 149
T. A. Pearce c Beltrao b G. N. Gosano 10
Extras 10

Total (for two wickets) 70

Bowling Analysis
O M R W
A. P. Pereira 9 1 23 1
E. L. Gosano 10 1 31 1
G. N. Gosano 2 18 1
N. R. Oliver, O. J. Kerr, M. Newton, F. Howarth, A. Stepto, C. A. Wales, A. Graham, A. P. Weir, did not bat.

RECREIO (2nd Innings)
L. G. Gosano, retired hurt 1
A. M. Rodrigues, b Pearce 2
G. N. Gosano, c Howarth, b Wales 11
G. A. Souza, b Wales 11
E. L. Gosano, run out 1
P. M. N. da Silva, not out 13
A. P. Pereira, c Stepto, b A. P. Pearce 1
E. M. L. Soares, c Pearce, b Wales 5
B. T. Gosano, not out 1
Extras 1

Total (for six wickets, dec.) 104
(N.A. Beltrao and A.M. Prata did not bat)

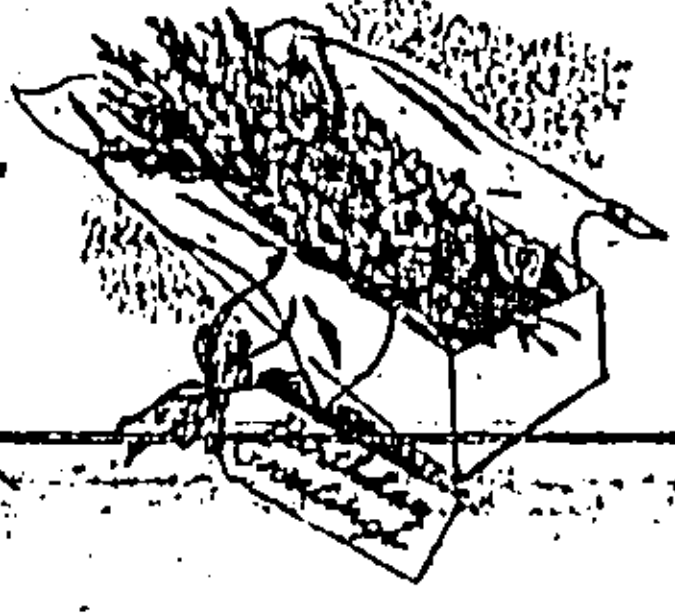
Bowling Analysis
O M R W
Stepto 4 0 17 1
Howarth 4 0 8 0
Wales 7 0 40 2
Pearce 6 0 31 2
"Occasionals" (2nd Innings)
T. A. Pearce, c Soares, b G. N. Gosano 18
N. Oliver, c Beltrao, b G. N. Gosano 18
O. J. Kerr, b G. N. Gosano 18
M. Newton, b Pereira 30
L. F. Stokes, c Beltrao, b E. L. Gosano 18
G. T. Rowe, c Prata, b E. L. Gosano 8
A. Graham, c Beltrao, b E. L. Gosano 2
A. P. Weir, c Beltrao, b E. L. Gosano 4
A. Stepto, not out 0
Extras 2

Total (for 8 wickets) 104
(F. Howarth and C. A. Wales did not bat)

Bowling Analysis
O M R W
A. P. Pereira 11 2 35 1
G. N. Gosano 9 0 27 3
A. M. Prata 4 1 11 0
E. L. Gosano 5 2 19 4

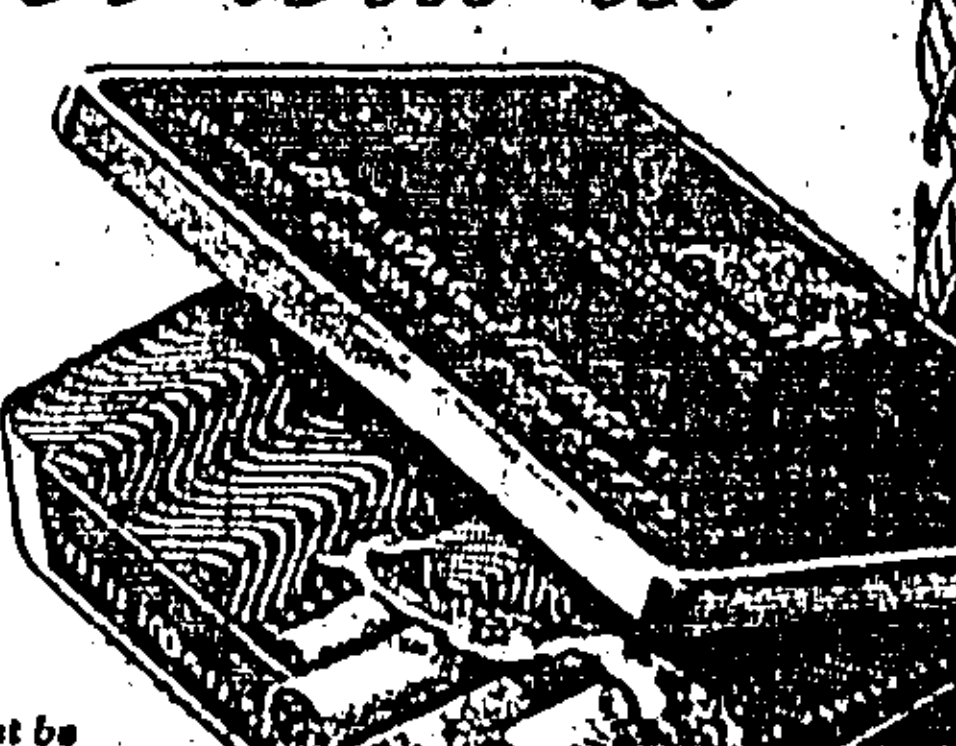
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NOTICE TO MEMBERS Fourth Race Meeting,

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There are ten races, the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. The first race will be run at 2.00 p.m. and the last race at 6.20 p.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.
Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all this etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.
The Treasurers' Comptroller's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.
Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PARADE
Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted to enter the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

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G. H. BROWN
Secretary

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THE HONG KONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED will be held at the registered office of the Company at Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co., Ltd., Chung Tin Building, First Floor, 5 Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 5th day of April, 1949 at 12.15 p.m. or so soon thereafter as the business of the Ordinary Yearly Meeting shall have been concluded when the sub-Joined Resolution will be proposed as a Special Resolution:—

"That the Regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof."

A print of the new Articles of Association can be inspected at the offices of Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co., Ltd., 5 Des Voeux Road Central aforesaid, the General Managers of the Company, at any time during business hours.

Dated at Hong Kong this 11th day of March 1949.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN TOMES & CO., LTD.

I. W. SHEWAN,
Director,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, March 11, 1949.

NOTICE

MARLBURIAN CLUB

It is proposed to hold an Old Marlburian dinner at the Hong Kong Club on Friday, 8th April, 1949, and it is hoped that all O.M.'s in the Colony will be able to attend.

Please forward your names with houses and dates to T. G. Mead, C/o Hongkong & Shanghai Bank.

F. L. SILVA & CO.

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, have been admitted as a member of the H.K. Stock Exchange Ltd., and am continuing my late father's business as a stock, share and general broker.

Mr. Solomon Saul will continue to act as my authorized clerk.

Tel: 27453. F. A. SILVA.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, March 26, 1949 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, March 17, 1949.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the ordinary yearly general meeting of shareholders of the company will be held at the Head Office of the company, 6, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 23rd March, 1949 at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1948 and for the appointment of Directors and Auditors, and declaration of dividends.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from the 15th day of March to 23rd March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

By Order of the Board,
D. S. YUAN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, March 9, 1949.



Mr. CHOW NAI-YEUNG

Radio HK's Programme Chief Leaves

Mr. Chow Nai-yeung, Assistant Programme Director of Radio Hong Kong's Chinese Section, is due to leave today to attend a course in London.

Mr. Chow, who joined Radio Hong Kong in 1945, was born in Hong Kong and educated at Queen's College, Hong Kong University and the National Central University in Chungking. During the war he served with the 322 Fighter Squadron of Major-General Chennault's Flying Tigers.

Mr. Chow will attend the BBC's Summer Staff Training Course in London, which includes training in announcing, news-reading, talks and play production as well as programme administration. On completion of the course he will join the BBC's Chinese Service as an announcer for a few weeks to gain further experience.

The British Council is making arrangements for Mr. Chow to tour the United Kingdom. At the end of Mr. Chow's period of duty with the BBC's Far Eastern Service, the Council will take him on a tour of places of cultural interest including Stratford-on-Avon, Oxford, Cambridge and Edinburgh.

The tour will give Mr. Chow an insight into many fields other than that of broadcasting, including newspapers, film, the latest theatrical and educational developments and social conditions in Britain. The BBC course and the British Council tour together will give Mr. Chow an experience which should be of great value in improving Chinese broadcasting in Hong Kong.

Mr. Chow is expected to be away from the Colony for about nine months.

Shui Woo Girl Finds Relatives

A report in the "China Mail" last month helped a 17-year-old girl to find her relatives in the Colony.

Tsui Ping, village girl from Shui Woo Village in the Tsing Yuen District, North of Canton, came to the Colony on February 18 to join her brother who worked in a shirt factory.

When she arrived at the Kowloon Railway Station she had completely forgotten her brother's address because of the excitement over the prospects of being reunited after more than 10 years of separation.

All she could remember was that her brother worked in a local shirt factory. She even could not remember her brother's name. She was taken by a pedestrian to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, and then to the Po Leung Kok.

During the past week her brother, having read the translated report in the vernacular press, identified her and was allowed by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs to take the girl home.

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 22nd day of March, 1949, at 12 o'clock NOON, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 8th to the 22nd day of March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 22, 1949.

NOTICE

THE "CHINA COAST" NAVIGATING AND ENGINEER OFFICERS' GUILD

A meeting of the Management Committee of the above Guild will be held at the office, Union Building, 21 Pedder Street, Hong Kong, at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 14th, 1949.

By Order of the Board,
GEORGE T. LLOYD,
General Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 12th, 1949.

URBAN COUNCIL NOTICE

1. It is hereby notified that sealed tenders, in duplicate which should be clearly marked "Tender for the erection of tents and the hire of pleasure boats on Middle Bay" will be received by the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, until noon on Friday, the 18th March, 1949.

2. Tenders are invited for monthly rentals for the right to occupy certain areas on the following beaches and to erect tents thereon for hire to the public by the hour or by the day and in respect of Repulse Bay and Stanley for the right to hire pleasure boats for the period 1st April, 1949 to 30th November, 1949:—

Beach	Approximate Area of Site	Approximate Number of Tents	Number of Pleasure Boats to be maintained for hire
Repulse Bay (Main Beach) (including hire of boats on Middle Bay)	Site A—14,000 sq. ft.	60	Repulse Bay—20 Middle Bay—5
Repulse Bay (Main Beach) (including hire of boats on South Bay)	Site B—14,000 sq. ft.	60	Repulse Bay—20 South Bay—7
Stanley (Main Beach, TYAM BAY)	Site A—7,000 sq. ft.	30	3
Stanley (Main Beach, TYAM BAY)	Site B—7,000 sq. ft.	20	3
Big Wave Bay	Whole Beach	50	NIL.

Plans of the above beaches, showing these sites, may be seen in the office of the Secretary, Urban Council.

3. Tents must be of an approved type, dimensions not less than 7 feet long, 7 feet wide, 7 feet high, with an awning in front at least 5 feet long.

4. Each tent to be provided with table, two deck chairs, grass mat and fresh water (if available) at no extra cost.

5. The following maximum charges to be paid by the public will be followed:—

	Repulse Bay & Stanley	Big Wave Bay
For a period not exceeding 2 hours	\$2.00	\$3.00
Exceeding 2 hours but not exceeding 3 hours	\$3.00	\$4.00
Exceeding 3 hours but not exceeding 4 hours	\$4.00	\$5.00
Exceeding 4 hours but not exceeding 5 hours	\$5.00	\$6.00
Exceeding 5 hours	\$7.00	\$8.00

For the Hire of Pleasure Boats.

For a period not exceeding 1 hour \$2.00
For every subsequent hour or portion of an hour \$1.00

6. The tender price should include the provision of a tent for the permanent use of the Government Beach Overseer and/or Inspector.

7. The contract in respect of Repulse Bay will contain a proviso that should the Government Pavilions be constructed during the season no claim can be made for refund or reduction of the rental of the contract.

8. No tender will be considered, unless the person tendering attaches thereto a receipt to the effect that he has deposited with the Treasury, Prince's Building, the sum of \$250.00 in respect of each application as a pledge of the bona fides of his tender, which sum shall be forfeited to the Government if such person fails or refuses to carry out his tender, should such tender be accepted. Deposits will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

9. The successful tenderer will be required to sign a formal contract containing conditions to be prescribed by the Urban Council, and also to deposit with the Treasury a sum equivalent to one month's rent as security for the due fulfilment of the contract.

10. For full particulars and forms of tender apply at the office of the Secretary, Urban Council, Post Office Building, top floor.

11. The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

12. During the period of the contract no other person will be allowed to erect tents on any of the above beaches.

N. B. M. WHITLEY,
Secretary, Urban Council.

March 11, 1949.

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WHAT HAS HE LEFT? DECIDING what your partner, or a particular opponent, has left in his hand can be the guide to sound discarding late in the play. But to settle that question, you may have to go away back into the earlier tricks and divine the reasoning that caused one player or another to do what he did. If you mentally put yourself in his position, you can sometimes reckon what type of holding would have caused you to take like action.

SAK J
H K 5 2
D A J 10 2
C K Q 8

S 10 9 7
H A Q
D K 5 3
C 10 9 7 3

S Q 8 4
H 9 7 4
D Q 9 6 4
C 6 6 4

S 8 3 2
H 10 8 6 3
D 8 7 4
C A J 2

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)
North East South West
1 D Pass 1 NT Pass
3 NT

South allowed the club lead to run to his J, so he could use that suit's honours as two entries for diamond leads. The first diamond finesse, of the 10, lost to the Q. When the A won the returned club, the diamond J won a finesse. The A downed the K and on the 2 everybody discarded. East a heart, South a spade and West a spade. Now watch. The heart 2 was led from dummy to the 10, which the Q won. The club 9 went to dummy's K, then South led the heart K, thinking East would have the A because West had already shown quite a

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)
If South had twice bid spades and then doubled 3-No Trumps, how should West plan to make it after the suit is led?

Tomorrow's Problem
S 8 4
H 10 9 5
D 6 5
C J 9 3

SAK 9
H A K J
D J 10 8
C K 4 2

S None
H Q 8 7 2
D 9 7 4 3
C Q 10 8 7

S Q J 10 7 5 2
H A 3
D A 3
C A 6

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)
If South had twice bid spades and then doubled 3-No Trumps, how should West plan to make it after the suit is led?

SAK 9
H A K J
D J 10 8
C K 4 2

S None
H Q 8 7 2
D 9 7 4 3
C Q 10 8 7

S Q J 10 7 5 2
H A 3
D A 3
C A 6

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)
If South had twice bid spades and then doubled 3-No Trumps, how should West plan to make it after the suit is led?

SAK 9
H A K J
D J 10 8
C K 4 2

S None
H Q 8 7 2
D 9 7 4 3
C Q 10 8 7

S Q J 10 7 5 2
H A 3
D A 3
C A 6

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)
If South had twice bid spades and then doubled 3-No Trumps, how should West plan to make it after the suit is led?

Japanese Show Mixed Feelings On World Events

Tokyo, March 12.

News of the practical conclusion of the North Atlantic Pact today evoked among the Japanese mixed feeling of envy and mounting uneasiness over the international situation.

Envy—because the Japanese, virtually defenceless in the event of Russian aggression in this part of the world, see little European Powers like the Netherlands and Luxembourg better comforted by the collective security arrangement in which United States military force is the main factor.

Uneasiness—because it is felt the pact in the long run may not tend to create Russo-American rapprochement but on the contrary further charge the war potential by causing both sides to counter arms with arms. It is regarded as significant that the pact is slated to run for 20 years with a midway renewal period.

Many Japanese feel jealous of the small European democracies exposed to Russia and at the same time uneasy because while events are rapidly moving toward forging the Atlantic Pact on one hand on the other it had been broadly hinted the United States might abandon Japan and "throw her to the wolves" in the event of World War III.

Retiring United States Army Secretary Kenneth Royall has denied he ever said so in so many words. The Potsdam Declaration specifies that the military occupation of Japan shall continue until the democratic ideals of the Allies have been accomplished. (General) MacArthur has said in a recent interview he feels the United States "should" defend Japan in the event of Soviet aggression.

Wishful Thinking

Nevertheless the Japanese are uneasy. Up to recently there was wishful thinking and near conviction among them that if war came United States troops in Japan, perhaps with Japanese

armed force by their side, would fight to defend the country. One high official put it thus: "Our anxiety in the final analysis is not to see Japan in a race to arm herself with the atomic bomb, but to see the Atlantic Pact remains in force that long. Russian balance of power may well have become greater than the other nations. Then there might be war if Russia, by then equipped with the atomic bomb, should so resolve. In the light of world history we feel wars are not avoided by piling up arms."

"As for the present position of Japan we wish we had the same degree of American protection which the minor European powers will receive from the United States under the Atlantic agreement."

On the eve of the pact these events are occurring on the Japanese scene. Since the purported Royall statement which he subsequently denied, Japanese editorials have begun to suggest the wisdom of getting around the MacArthur-blessed "no war" constitution in some way to provide an opening for the creation of a defence force, however minor.

The press has also called for the creation of a stronger and better organized Japanese police which the Russians here have already complained is becoming the nucleus of the future Japanese army.

Japanese Communists are engaged in an intense underground struggle to cripple the anti-Red Yoshida government through strikes and sabotage. It is reported that the Communist Party has sent out secret orders to Communist cells throughout the country to hold themselves in readiness for another wide-scale general strike of the type previously prevented by orders from the Supreme Commander. The strike would materialize when the Yoshida government's programme to enforce major dismissals of government personnel gets under way.—United Press.

U.S. Navy's New Gadget

Washington, March 12.

The United States Navy has a new gadget to learn what a rocket "sees" in the upper regions above the earth. This can transmit 60 messages at once to a control point on the ground, recording what happening in and around the missile.

The gadget can describe the rocket's trajectory path, its speed, temperature, cosmic radiation and supply a multitude of technical data.

The communicating outfit was designed and built by the Allied Physics Laboratory of John Hopkins University at Silver Spring, Maryland. It is needed for two reasons:

1.—The high altitude, high speed missile now used cannot carry men to note the data.

2.—In rocket firing, the rocket head, containing recording instruments, frequently cannot be located after falling in remote spots.—Router.

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King's Recovery From Operation Goes Smoothly

London, March 12.

An American-trained surgeon today carefully cut the blood control nerve in King George's right arm in an effort to ease the painful circulatory ailment in his legs.

At 1900 GMT the bulletin said the monarch's recovery was "proceeding smoothly."

Seven of the nine doctors who attended His Majesty at the operation returned to Buckingham Palace for a conference and issued this bulletin: "The King has had a restful day. His temperature, pulse and respiration rate have not varied from normal, and His Majesty's recovery from the operation is proceeding smoothly."

Palace sources said the bulletin "can be regarded as most assuring at the end of the first day. Everything has apparently gone quite normally. The King has had some sleep during the day. The Queen visited him in his room where he is recovering."

Queen Elizabeth said, "I am thankful to say that the doctors are well satisfied with the King's condition." The Queen made the statement in responding to a message and a bouquet of flowers forwarded to Buckingham Palace by the Royal Air Force Bomber command at Albert Hall, London.—United Press.

U.S. Claims No Biological Bomb

Washington, March 12.

The United States is co-ordinating her defence preparations against possible germ warfare but knows of no "biological super-weapon," the Defence Secretary, Mr. James Forrestal, disclosed tonight.

An "active research programme" is going forward, he stated, but such stories as that one small biological bomb could wipe out a city at a blow were untrue.

He condemned much public discussion of this kind as "extraneous, inaccurate and unduly spectacular."

In a statement intended to combat the "widespread misunderstanding," Mr. Forrestal said: "We must rely on the maintenance of a high standard of public health and sanitation, and on protective measures for animals and crops as our first line of defence against any biological attack."

But, he added, "while it would be folly to underestimate the potentialities of biological warfare, there is no factual basis for extravagant claims of the existence of a biological super-weapon."

Biological warfare was an attempt to harness certain forces of nature for the purpose of war by the use of either epidemic or non-epidemic diseases, Mr. Forrestal said.

A non-epidemic disease did not spread easily and would be directed against persons, animals or plants directly exposed to the germs distributed during an attack.

In epidemic diseases, the factors governing the spread of the disease were not completely understood nor controllable. It was not at all certain that an epidemic of significant proportions could be produced at will.

Even if an epidemic were started, adequate public health and sanitation measures and proper

treatment methods promptly instituted would limit and minimise the effects.

"Biological warfare would not be instantly destructive of life and it should be appreciated that illness induced by biological agents may be counteracted by specific medical measures."

Important defences against biological warfare were early identification of the disease, prompt and appropriate counter-measures to prevent further spread and restore the health of those affected.

"But it is obvious that an extensive preparation for such defensive measures must be made in advance of an attack."

Mr. Forrestal said it was necessary to guard against a biological attack in time of war, but also against biological sabotage methods before war had been declared. Food supplies would be particularly vulnerable to a sabotage attack with biological weapons.—Router.

B-36 Bomber's Long Flight

Fort Worth, Texas, March 12.

A B-36 bomber, with a 10,000-pound weight bomb load, landed here today after a 9,000-mile non-stop flight. The flight was the longest ever made by a B-36 Superfortress.

The plane was not refuelled in flight and had two hours' fuel supply left when it landed, officials at Carswell Air Base said.

The flight exceeded by 687 miles a similar non-stop simulated bomb run from Fort Worth to Honolulu and return last December.—Router.

Talks Held On U.S. Air Bases On Greenland

Washington, March 13.

High U.S. officials told Denmark's Foreign Minister on Saturday that the Atlantic treaty would provide a framework to solve the long pending problem of American air bases on Greenland. American strategists have long wanted their own air bases—or use of them—in Greenland, Iceland and the Azores.

After conferring with U.S. State Department officials on Saturday Danish Foreign Minister Gustav Rasmussen said they "discussed several aspects of the Greenland problem." He said he did not expect any immediate solution.

He indicated that the main subject of Saturday's discussions concerned prospects for American military aid to Western Europe.

The Danes were represented at the conference by Rasmussen and Ambassador Henrik de Kauffmann. U.S. policy makers present included State Department Counsellor Charles E. Bohler, Assistant Secretary of State Mr. Ernest Gross, and Mr. John D. Hickerson, Chief of the Department's European office. The Americans emphasised three points:

1.—The proposed Atlantic Pact would provide a "framework" for dealing with the air base problem.

2.—The treaty would be primarily useful to prevent attack. It would array such powerful forces to strike back any aggressor that to attack might ever occur.

3.—Treaty nations would be able to take all necessary co-operative actions to strengthen defences of the whole area.

During World War two, the United States took defence of Greenland under an agreement which still is in force but which the Danes two years ago, proposed to terminate.

The Danish government was forced to act mainly by Communist critics in Parliament. The negotiations have been dragging along ever since. Both sides hope some solution—which would leave the kind of suitable formula for a base—would turn up.

The agreement out of Saturday's session seemed to be that the Atlantic pact would do the trick. There was considerable optimism among American authorities that if and when Iceland and Portugal, which owns the Azores, enter the Alliance, they will take a similar attitude.—Associated Press.

Secret Staff Conference In Hungary

Vienna, March 12.

High military leaders of the Soviet occupation forces in Austria and those of Russia's satellites were reported to be meeting or about to meet in a secret staff conference at Debrecen, Hungary.

Authoritative Austrian sources said here that they had not confirmed reports that the meeting was already underway and that its purpose was to deal with "measures the Cominform countries eventually might take against Yugoslavia and Marshal Tito."

Unconfirmed reports of such a meeting being planned have been circulated in the Eastern European capitals for several days.

The Soviet authorities in Austria have notified the Austrian government that the "Austrian police from the Western sectors of Vienna must not be dispatched to duty in the Soviet sector of the city or the Soviet occupation zone under any circumstances."

This means that the Austrian government will not be able to deal effectively with any disturbances in the Soviet sector since the bulk of Vienna's police corps is in the Western sectors.—United Press.

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WINSTON CHURCHILL'S WAR MEMOIRS: THE SECOND BOOK

THEIR FINEST HOUR

Climax Raid On London

By Winston Churchill

On November 15 the enemy switched back to London with a very heavy raid in full moonlight. Much damage was done, especially to churches and other monuments. The next target was Birmingham, and three successive raids from November 19 to 22 inflicted much destruction and loss of life. Nearly 800 people were killed and over 2,000 injured.

Birmingham survived this ordeal.

When I visited the city a day or two later to inspect its factories, and see for myself what had happened, an incident, to me charming, occurred. It was the dinner hour, and a very pretty young girl ran up to the car and threw a box of cigars into it. I stopped at once, and she said, "I won the prize this time for the highest output. I only heard you were coming an hour ago." The gift must have cost her two or three pounds. I was very glad (in my official capacity) to give her a kiss. I then went on to see the long mass grave in which so many citizens and their children had been buried. The spirit of Birmingham shone brightly, and the inhabitants, highly organized, conscious and comprehensive, rose high above their physical suffering.

During the last week of November and the beginning of December the weight of the attack shifted to the ports. Bristol, Southampton and above all Liverpool were heavily bombed. Later on, Plymouth, Sheffield, Manchester, Glasgow and other munition centres passed through the fire unscathed. It did not matter where the blow struck, the nation was as sound as the sea in salt.

World Gapes

The climax raid of these weeks fell back to London on Sunday, December 20. All the painfully gathered German experience was expressed on this occasion. It was an incendiary classic. The weight of the attack was concentrated upon the City of London itself. It was timed to meet the dead-of-the-night hour. The water-mains were broken at the outset by very heavy high-explosive parachute-mines. Nearly 1,500 fires had to be fought. The damage to railway stations and docks was serious. Eight Wren churches were destroyed or damaged. The Guildhall was smitten by fire and blast, and St. Paul's Cathedral was only saved by heroic exertions. A void of ruin at the very centre of the British world gaped upon us to this day. But when the King and Queen visited the scene they were received with enthusiasm far exceeding any Royal festival.

During this prolonged ordeal, of which several months were still to come, the King was constantly at Buckingham Palace. Proper shelters were being constructed in the basement, but all this took time. Also it happened several times that His Majesty arrived from Windsor in the middle of an air raid. Once he and the Queen had a very narrow escape. I have His Majesty's permission to record the incident in his own words:

Friday, September 13, 1940. We went to London (from Windsor) and found an air raid in progress. The day was very cloudy and it was raining hard. The Queen and I went upstairs to a small sitting room overlooking the Quadrangle. (I could not use my usual sitting room owing to the broken windows by former bomb damage.) All of a sudden we heard the zooming noise of a diving aircraft getting louder and louder, and then saw two bombs falling past the opposite side of Buckingham Palace into the Quadrangle. We saw the flashes and heard the detonations as they burst about 80 yards away.

The Dangers

The blast blow in the windows opposite to us, and two great craters had appeared in the Quadrangle. From one of these craters water from a burst main was pouring out and flowing into the passage through the broken windows. The whole thing happened in a matter of seconds and we were very quickly out into the passage. There were six bombs: two in the forecourt, two in the Quadrangle, one wrecked the Chapel, and one in the garden.

The King, who as a sub-lieutenant had served in the battle of Jutland, was exhilarated by all this, and pleased that he should be sharing the dangers of his subjects in the capital. I must confess that at the time neither I nor any of my colleagues were aware of the peril of this particular incident. The windows being closed instead of open the whole of the glass would have splintered into the faces of the King and Queen, causing terrible injuries. So little did they make of it all that even I, who saw them and their entourage so frequently, only realised later afterwards when making inquiries for writing this book what had actually happened.

In those days we viewed with stern and tranquil gaze the idea of going down fighting amid the

ruins of Whitehall. His Majesty had a shooting range made in the Buckingham Palace garden, at which he and other members of his family and his equerries practised assiduously with pistols and Tommy-guns. Presently I brought the King an American short-range carbine, from a number which had been sent to me. This was a very good weapon.

Our Meal

About this time the King changed his practice of receiving me in a formal weekly audience at about five o'clock which had prevailed during my first two months of office. It was now arranged that persons were present, including Sir Henry Tizard and various Air Force commanders. A few minutes later, a youngish man—who, as I afterwards learnt, had thought his sudden summons to the Cabinet Room must be a practical joke—hurried in and took his seat at the bottom of the table. According to plan, I invited him to open the discussion.

For some months, he told us, hints had been coming from all sorts of sources on the Continent that the Germans had some novel mode of night-bombing on which they placed great hopes. In some way it seemed to be linked with the code-word "Knickerbocker" which our Intelligence had several times mentioned, without being able to explain. At first it had been thought that the enemy had got agents to plant beacons in our cities on which their bombers could home; but this idea had proved untenable. Some weeks before two or three curious acquaintances had been photographed in odd positions near the coast. They did not seem the right shape for any known form of radio or radar. Nor were they in places which could be explained on any such hypothesis.

Jones's Tale

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Scientific Devices

This instalment is taken from a chapter called "The Wizard War," in which Mr. Churchill pays high tribute to Prof. Lindemann (now Lord Cherwell) for interpreting to him the importance of the many scientific devices evoked during the war. Progress in every branch of radar was constant and unceasing during 1939, but even so the Battle of Britain, from July to September, 1940, was, as I have described, fought mainly by eye and ear. I comforted myself at first in these months with the hope that the fog and mist and cloud which accompanied the British winter and shrouded the island with a mantle would at least give a great measure of protection against accurate bombing by day and still more in darkness.

For some time the German bombers had navigated largely by radio beacons. Scores of these were planted like lighthouses in various parts of the Continent, each with its own call-sign, and the Germans using ordinary directional wireless, could fix their position by the angles from which any two of these transmissions came.

To counter this we soon installed a number of stations, which we called "Macones." These picked up the German signals, amplified them, and sent them out again from somewhere in England. The result was that the Germans, trying to home on their beams, were often led astray, and a number of hostile aircraft were lost in this manner. Certainly one German bomber landed voluntarily in Devonshire, thinking it was France.

However, in June I received a painful shock. Professor Lindemann reported to me that he believed the Germans were preparing a device by means of which they would be able to bomb by day or night whatever the weather. It now appeared that the Germans had developed a radio beam which guided the bombers with considerable precision to their target. The beacon beckoned, the beam pointed. They might not hit a particular

factory, but they could certainly hit a city or town. No longer therefore had we only to fear the moonlight nights, in which at any rate our fighters could see as well as the enemy, but we must even expect the heaviest attacks to be delivered in cloud and fog.

Lindemann told me also that there was a way of bending the beam if we acted at once, but I must get some of the scientists to train the ordinary bomber

of Intelligence Research at the Air Ministry, Dr. R. V. Jones, a former pupil of his at Oxford. Accordingly with anxious mind I convened on June 21 a special meeting in the Cabinet Room, at which about 15 persons were present, including Sir Henry Tizard and various Air Force commanders. A few minutes later, a youngish man—who, as I afterwards learnt, had thought his sudden summons to the Cabinet Room must be a practical joke—hurried in and took his seat at the bottom of the table. According to plan, I invited him to open the discussion.

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When Mr. Jones had finished there was a general air of incredulity. One high authority asked why the Germans should use a beam, assuming such a thing was possible, when they had at their disposal all the ordinary facilities of navigation. Above 20,000 feet the stars were nearly always visible. All our own pilots were laboriously trained in navigation and it was thought they found their way about and to their targets very well. Other round the table appeared concerned.

I will now explain in the kind of terms which I personally can understand how the German beam worked and how we twisted it. Like the searchlight beam, the radio beam cannot be made very sharp; it tends to spread; but if what is called the "split beam" method is used, considerable accuracy can be obtained. Let us imagine two searchlight-beams parallel to one another, both flickering in such a way that the left-hand beam comes on exactly when the right-hand beam goes out, and vice versa. If an attacking aircraft was exactly in the centre between the two beams the pilot's course would be continuously illuminated; but if it got, say, a little bit to the right, nearer the centre of the right-hand beam, this would become the stronger and the pilot would observe the flickering light, which was no guide. By keeping in the position where he avoided the flickering he would be flying exactly down the middle, where the light from both beams is exactly equal. And this middle path would guide him to the target.

Split Beams

Two split beams from two stations could be arranged to cross over any town in the Midlands or

Southern England. The German airmen had only to fly along one beam until he detected the second, and then to drop his bombs. Q.E.D.

With their logical minds and deliberate large-scale planning, the German High Air Command staked their fortunes in this sphere on a device which, like the magnetic mine, they thought would do us in.

Therefore they did not trouble to train the ordinary bomber pilot, as our had been trained, in the difficult art of navigation. A far simpler and surer method, lending itself to drill and large numbers, producing results wholly sale by irresistible science, attracted alike their minds and their nature. The German pilots followed the beam as the German people followed the Führer. They had nothing else to follow.

But duly forewarned and seeing on the instant, the simple British had the answer. By erecting the proper stations in good time in our own country, we could jam the beam. This would, of course, have been almost immediately realised by the enemy. There was another and superior alternative. We could put a repeating device in such a position that it strengthened the signal from one half of the split beam and not from the other. Thus the hostile pilot, trying to fly so that the signals from both halves of the split beam were equal, would be deflected from the true course. The catenary of bombs which would have shattered, or at least tormented, a city, would fall 15 or 20 miles away in an open field.

Being master, and not having to argue too much, once I was convinced about the principles of this queer and deadly game, I gave all the necessary orders that very day in June for the existence of the beam to be assumed, and for all counter-measures to receive absolute priority.

Led Astray

About August 23 the first new Knickerbocker stations, near Dieppe and Cherbourg, were trained on Birmingham, and a large-scale night offensive began. We had, of course, our "teething troubles" to get through; but within a few days the Knickerbocker beams were deflected or jammed, and for the next two months, the critical months of September and October, the German bombers wandered around England bombing by guesswork, or else being actually led astray.

One instance happened to come to my notice. An officer in my Defence Office sent his wife and two young children to the country during the London raids. Ten miles away from any town they were much astonished to see a series of enormous explosions occurring three fields away. They counted over 100 heavy bombs. They wondered what the Germans could be aiming at, and thanked God they were spared. The officer mentioned the incident the next day, but so closely was the secret kept, so narrow was the circle, so highly specialised the information, that no satisfactory explanation could be given to him, even in his intimate position. The very few who knew exchanged celestial grins.

The German air crews soon suspected that their beams were being misled. There is a story that during these two months nobody had the courage to tell Goering that his beams were twisted or jammed. In his ignorance he pledged himself that this was impossible. Special lectures and warnings were delivered to the German Air Force, assuring them that the beam was infallible, and that anyone who cast doubt on it would be at once thrown out.

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Plan to put Japan under civil control is denied. No Escap.

One suspicious HKDF applicant: "Are you sure this isn't just another excuse for a reunion dinner?"

The crossing of the Yangtze will, according to the Communist Press, put an end to further double crossing.

Communists know no more about electioneering than a pig, says G.B.S. Perhaps that's why they get stymied so often.

The "Officers' Moral Endeavour Association" is looking for a new home for Chiang Kai-shek, which will give him "the complete privacy he desires." That clamorous voice from the back row was no other than our old friend, Mao Tse-tung.

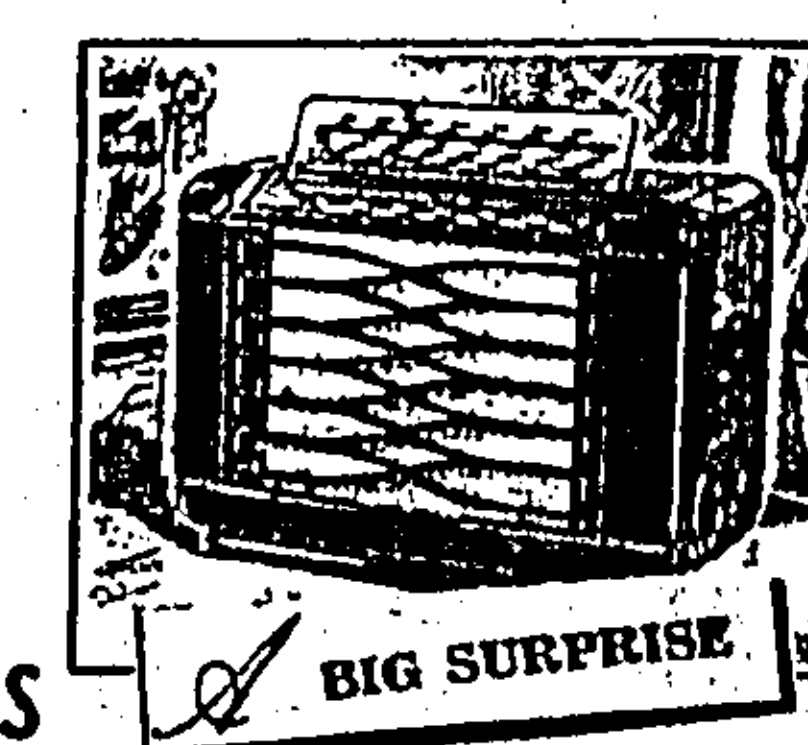
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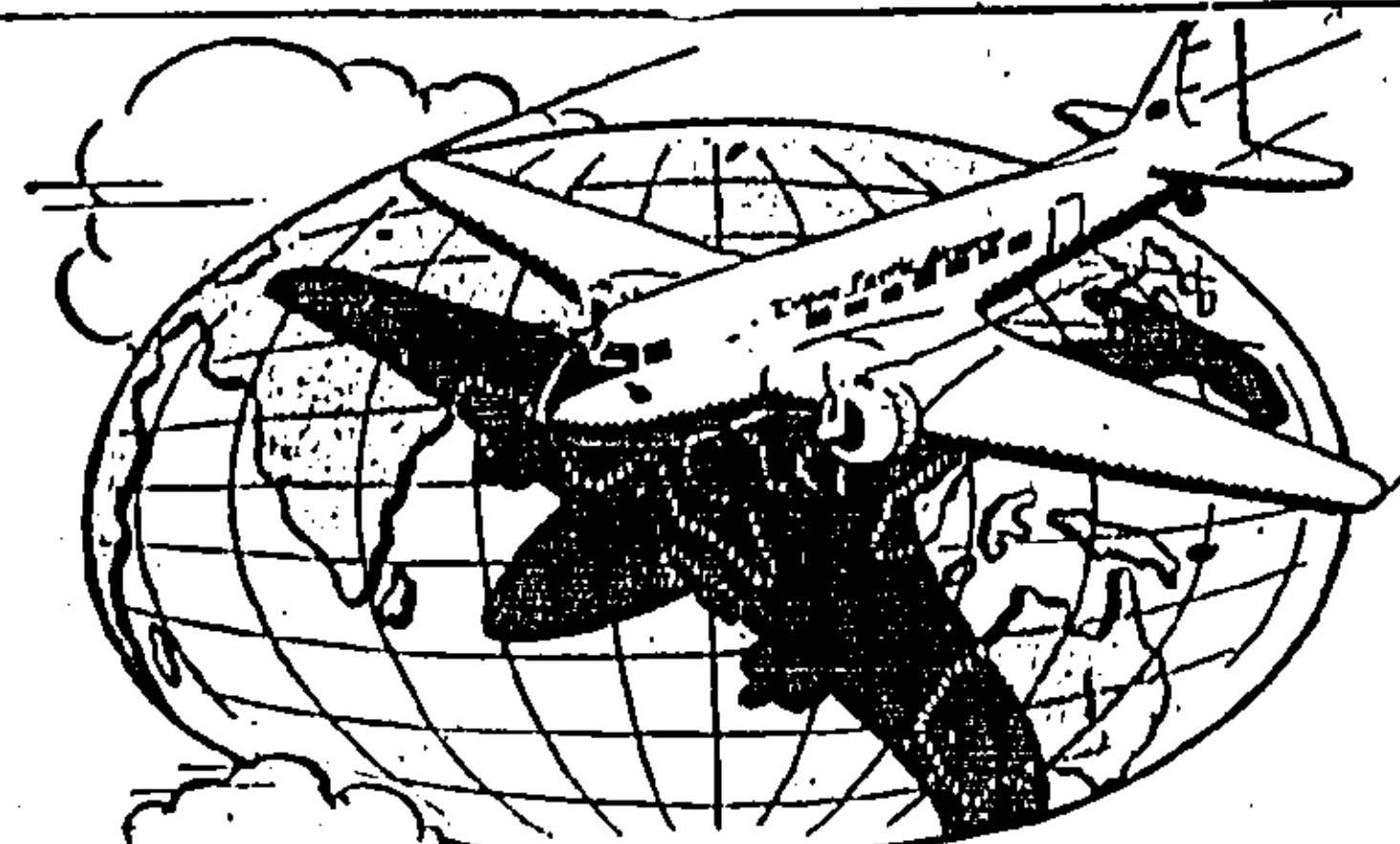
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FUTURE KREMLIN
POLICY

Soviet foreign policy can be expected to be full of shifts and strategems during the coming weeks as a result of the recent changes in the Kremlin hierarchy. All these shifts will have the same aim—to confuse the Western Powers and sow doubt and division among them. If the West is to resist these tactics, it must hold firm in its basic claims and must allow nothing to deflect it from the rapid building up of a strong system of Western security. The West must press forward to achieve full agreement on the Atlantic Pact; it must vigorously co-ordinate and perfect its common defence preparations; and it must continue its joint efforts to promote economic recovery.

If the West can demonstrate its ability to defend itself and its determination to stand four square against either threats or deceitful blandishments from Moscow, the world may at last see a genuine change in Soviet foreign policy.

When that change comes the Western nations will not be slow to reveal their readiness to co-operate in building the foundations of lasting peace. But proof of good faith and goodwill must come from the Russian side before any progress can be hoped for in this direction. Russia must end the Berlin blockade, which is still a threat to peace, and must cease her attempts to gain control over other countries by subversion and intimidation before the free peoples of the West can enter confidently into negotiations for a settlement of present differences.

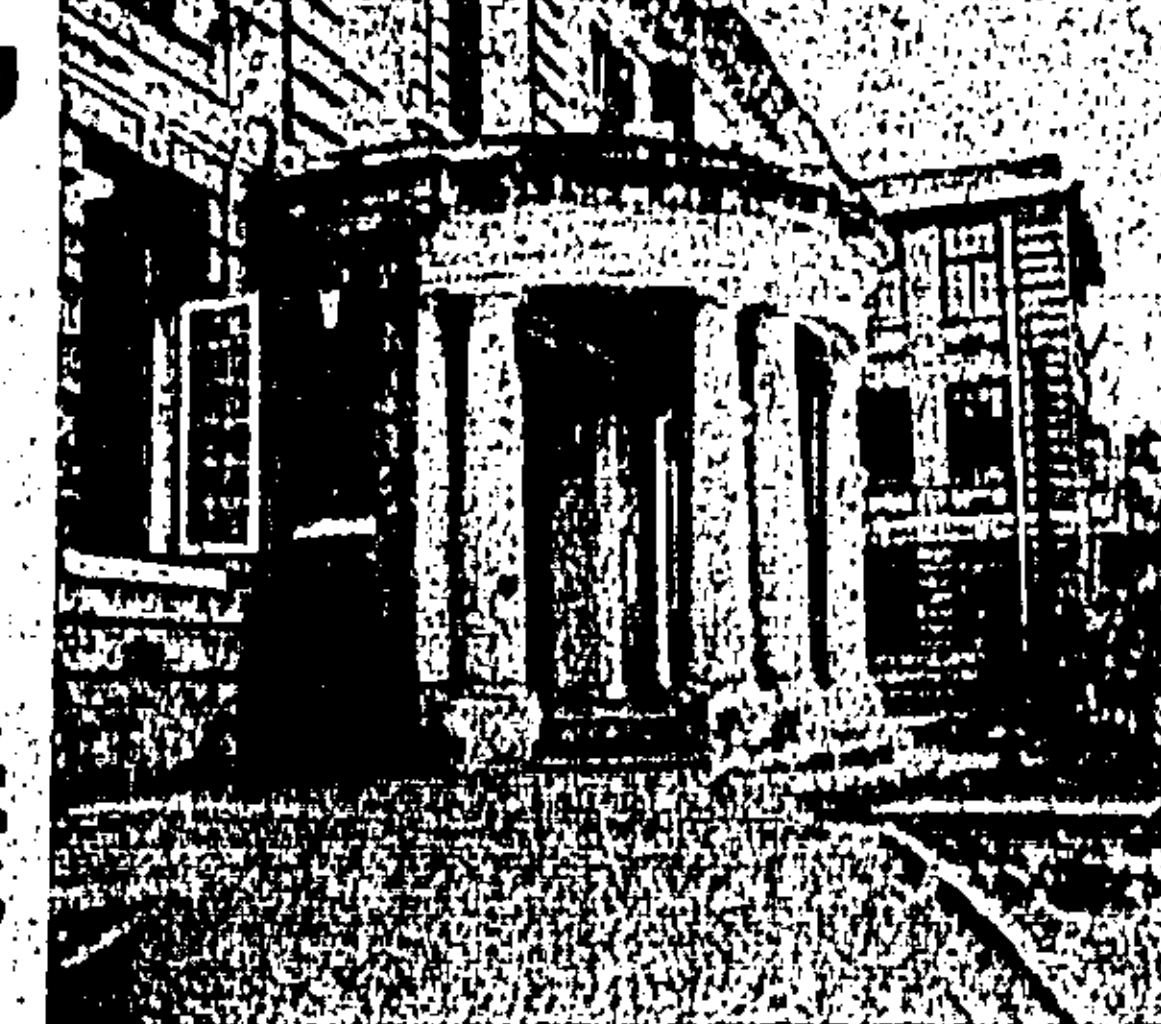
COMMUNISM IN
INDIA

Mr. Nehru's outspoken speech in the Indian Assembly on the activities of Communists shows that his Government is now facing much the same difficulties as those which confronted General MacArthur in Japan last year. Like their Japanese comrades, Indian Communists have penetrated a trade union movement which has still to find its feet, and are encouraging strikes designed to throw the national economy into confusion. The Government of India is threatened with a railway strike that would paralyse the free movement of commodities which is now essential if famine is to be prevented in some parts of the country, and if economic distress is to be alleviated in others. In India, as in Japan, Communist tactics have forced the authorities to amend labour laws so that power can be taken to prevent strikes in essential public services.

Mr. Nehru has been using all his great influence against the Communists. He knows how disastrous active unrest would be to the long-term schemes of development which his Government is planning and he knows that Communism thrives upon just those economic difficulties which he is striving to remedy. In his determination to protect India against the disorders which are convulsing Burma and China, Mr. Nehru is giving a lead to other countries in South East Asia.

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Signing Of Atlantic Pact Possibly To Take Place In Washington On April 4 MUTUAL AID CLAUSE

London, March 12.

The signature of the Atlantic Pact, barring accidents, now appears set for Washington on April 4. The premature disclosure of the broad outlines of the text adds little to the general anticipation of what the authors of the Atlantic Union have had in mind during the seven-power discussions in Washington.

Dutch Approve Draft Pact

The Hague, March 12. The Netherlands Government has approved the text of the draft Atlantic Pact. It was officially confirmed tonight. It has not yet been decided who will sign the pact for Holland.

The Foreign Minister, Dr. D. U. Stikker, is not likely to go to Washington if the Indonesian round-table conference is either in progress or about to take place at that time.—Reuter.

U.S. Backs U.N. Orders To Dutch

New York, March 13. Philip C. Jessup, American Ambassador at large, said yesterday that the people of the United States are staunchly behind the demand the Dutch comply with U.N. orders in the Indonesian case.

The U.S. has supported the Security Council in a resolution, approved January 28, calling on the Dutch to restore leaders of the Indonesian Republic to power. The Dutch have not done so. The Council will debate the case again on Monday.

Mr. Jessup, U.S. delegate to the UN Assembly, spoke at the fourth annual conference of the American Association for the United Nations. He helped to write the resolution approved by the Council. Mr. Jessup said:

"The strong and vocal support which organizations such as yours have been giving to the U.S. position in the Security Council on the Indonesian issue helped to make it unmistakably clear to the government and the people of the Netherlands that the people of this country feel very strongly that the continued disregard of the Security Council resolution of January 28 and the acts of aggression preceding it, constitute a serious threat to the stability and security of the world.

"In the columns of our newspapers, in the halls of Congress, through organizations such as the American Association for the United Nations, the American public has made itself plain in saying that the U.S. would be failing in its responsibilities to the UN if it ignored the failure of the Netherlands government to fulfill the reasonable and fair measures contained in the Security Council resolution."—Associated Press.

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clause, which engages members to regard themselves as a unity which will be defended by all against outside aggression against any member state.

The text takes care to stress the defensive nature of the act, to acknowledge the ultimate authority of the Security Council of the United Nations, and to affirm that it is a regional association of the sort foreseen by the original charter of the United Nations Organisation.

The Atlantic Union is important mainly because it states publicly that the Western powers will act in concert in the face of any aggressive or expansionist move from powers of foreign ideology.

In practical terms, the Atlantic Union will rely for its effective security upon the ability of its West European members to pool their military potential and weld it into an effective defence force, and upon American backing for this first stage in manning the defensive positions of the area covered by the new pact.

Rebuff In Asia

On the other side of the world, the problem of working out a common policy for the containment of Communism in South East Asia has met with an initial rebuff.

Burma, in rejecting the recommendations of the Commonwealth powers, has not been able to remove the impression that nothing short of international action between the non-Communist countries can hold the field against the spread of chaos or Communism, or both.

The despatch of senior British officials to the Commonwealth capitals is only partly for the purpose of clarifying the questions outstanding from last October's meeting of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London.

India, who is still faced with the constitutional question of whether or not, in becoming an independent republic, she will choose to maintain a link with the Commonwealth, is simultaneously emerging as a potential leader in the anti-Communist front in Asia.

Mr. Nehru, whose policy declaration this week was read with the keenest interest in London, appears still to cling to the ideal of an India which will be not only independent but free from any binding ties with the other great powers.

In the same speech, however, he acknowledged India's growing role in maintaining peace and security in the world. It will be interesting to see whether, faced with the growth of Communist expansionism in the Far East, she will feel that she is able to afford the luxury of isolation.

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Nuisance Of Bawdy Houses

Reno, Nevada, March 12. The latest development in the continuing battle to close all legal houses of prostitution in Nevada came this week when the Nevada Supreme Court reaffirmed the 1941 ruling holding a bawdy house a nuisance regardless of its location and despite the oldtime Nevada law legalizing prostitution.

The ruling came in a Reno case challenging the authority of County officials to "close down a bawdy house as a public nuisance, despite the fact that it was over 400 yards from a school or church."

Following the ruling, State Venereal Disease Control officials said they have given half a dozen cities and towns which still have houses of prostitution a short time in which to take action to close down before they seek to close all down.—United Press.

Union Of Benelux Countries

The Hague, March 12. The Benelux Ministerial Conference, sitting here, was believed today to have agreed to a provisional Economic Union to be established by July 1 this year, and to be succeeded by a final Economic Union on July 1, 1950.

All trade and payments agreements concluded by the three countries separately would be revised during the provisional union, it was said. Holland would aim towards a gradual loosening of the restrictions on the home market while Belgium would make concessions over credits.

After the conference, the Dutch Prime Minister, Dr. Willem Drees, announced that the Economic Union of the Benelux countries will be completed by July, 1950.

He made the announcement at a press conference, which was attended by the Prime Ministers of Belgium and Luxembourg, M. Paul Henri Spaak and M. Pierre Dupong.

Dr. Drees said that without the Marshall Plan the completion of the Union would have been greatly delayed.

M. Dupong, describing the Benelux as an outstanding example of international co-operation, said he had arrived at the conference, which will terminate tomorrow, with only "moderate optimism" but was leaving with full confidence.

A resolution on the decisions of the conference, which started last Saturday, will be issued tomorrow. Observers believed that all trade and payments agreements concluded by the three countries separately would be revised during the provisional union.—Reuter.

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Communists Protest Italy's Entry Into Atlantic Alliance

Rome, March 12.

Italy's Communist party today swiftly mobilised its propaganda and strike weapons in a desperate effort to block the government's participation in the North Atlantic security pact.

Strikes and demonstrations were ordered as Premier Alcide de Gasperi called a Sunday session of the Parliament to speed up the debate and rush a vote on Italian participation in the pact before the Reds could organise their opposition.

Six truck loads of police broke up a noisy demonstration by 1,000 Communist-led students outside the Parliament while Communist leaders inside demanded that the government call a special election to test the popular support of the pact.

The students, blowing tin whistles and screaming slogans outside in Piazza Colonna, demonstrated for half an hour before riot squads drove them off without serious incident. Six demonstrators were arrested.

Inside and outside the Parliament building tonight, Communist sympathisers shouted "Peace" and "Long live Russia."

Wild Scene

Communist led crowds stormed through Rome for a wild half hour on Saturday night, shouting protests against Italy's lining up with the Atlantic Military Alliance.

Riot police, riding in jeeps, restored order. They patrolled the area for hours afterwards, alert for new outbreaks. Heavy police guards were thrown around the Chamber of Deputies and Foreign Ministry buildings. Shouting "Peace, Peace!" a crowd of 800 to 1,000 Leftist youths, many wearing flaming red neckerchiefs, tried to storm into the Palazzo Chigi, the Foreign Ministry building. The police wielded clubs freely. Traffic was hopelessly jammed as jeeps raced through the area bearing police with drawn tommy guns.

One crowd swarmed into the Piazza Colonna, centre for many Communist led demonstrations, shouting "down with Forza." Carlo Forza, the Foreign Minister, led the forces favouring alignment with the Atlantic nations. Italy's intention to participate in the Atlantic Pact was announced to the Chamber of Deputies on Friday.

A stones throw from the Piazza Colonna, the Chamber of Deputies continued the bitter debate on the alliance. Pietro Nenni, the pro-Communist Socialist, led the attack on the government of Christian Democrat Premier Alcide de Gasperi. Nenni charged that the Atlantic treaty is "an effort to destroy the United Nations and the principle of collective security." He said it would lead to war.

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Pakistan Refugees Need Aid

San Francisco, March 13. Pakistan will need foreign aid as long as the Government has to look after the welfare of hundreds of thousands of Moslem refugees from India and Kashmir, Ambassador M. A. H. Ispahani said here yesterday.

Ispahani said nearly 500,000 refugees from Kashmir had added to the already large number who had poured into the state from India during communal riots. He continued:

"So long as this problem is with us, we shall need help. It is our earnest wish and prayer that the day may come, and come soon, when to the kindly offers of assistance we may say, 'our worst difficulty is over, thank God. Please let this help go to those who may need it more.'"

The 47-year-old diplomat was speaking to members of the American Friends Service Committee, whom he thanked for food, clothing, blankets and medical supplies sent to Pakistan. It was the first of several speaking engagements for the Ambassador in the San Francisco Bay area.—Associated Press.

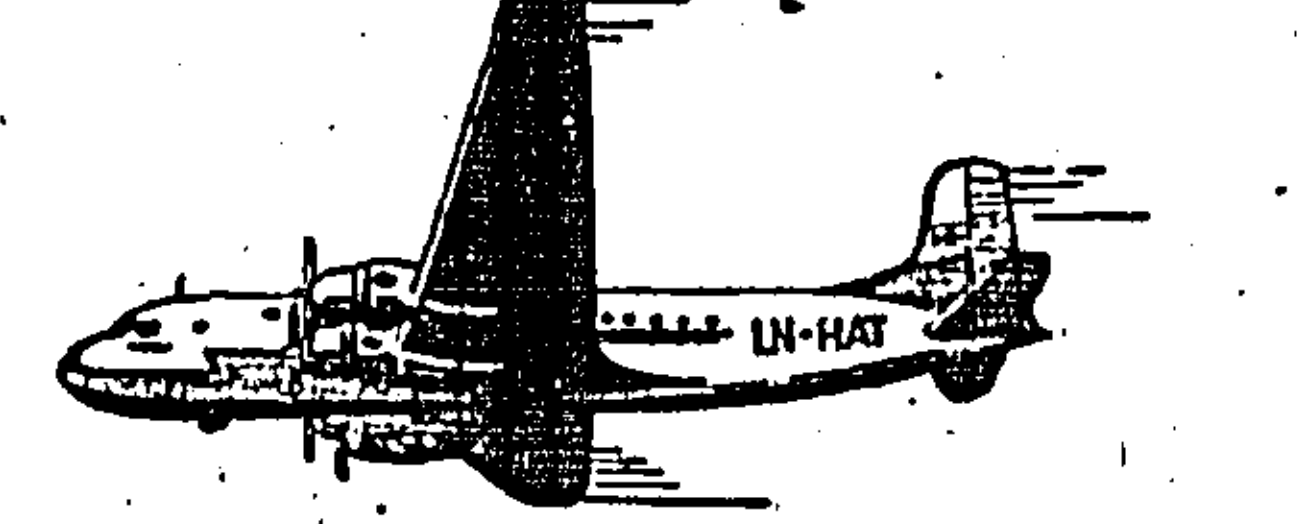
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COMMONWEALTH NATIONS URGED TO JOIN ALLIANCE

London, March 13. Participation of all the Commonwealth nations in the Atlantic Pact and the Western Union is strongly advocated by Mr. Herbert Evatt, Australian Minister for External Affairs, according to The Times editorial today.

The editorial commented on the ten-point analysis of future Commonwealth development contributed to the paper by Dr. Evatt in which he strongly intimates India's future relationship with the Commonwealth depends largely on whether the title "British Commonwealth" is retained.

Dr. Evatt said he learned in New Delhi that India's future relationship with the Commonwealth is a subject of great importance to the Indian Government. He said that the Indian Government is strongly in favour of the retention of the title "British Commonwealth" and that it is willing to accept the ten-point analysis of future Commonwealth development contributed to the paper by Dr. Evatt in which he strongly intimates India's future relationship with the Commonwealth depends largely on whether the title "British Commonwealth" is retained.

THEIR FINEST HOUR

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We suffered, as has been described, heavily under the Blitz, and almost anyone could hit London. Of course, there would in any case have been much inaccuracy, but the whole German system of bombing was so much disturbed by our counter-measures, added to the normal percentage of error, that not more than one-fifth of their bombs fell within the target areas. We must regard this as the equivalent of a considerable victory, because even the fifth part of the German bombing, which we got, was quite enough for our comfort and occupation.

The Germans, after internal conflicts, at last revised their methods. It happened, fortunately for them, that one of their formations, Kampf Gruppe 100, was using a special beam of its own. It called its equipment the "X apparatus," a name of mystery which, when we came across it, threw up an intriguing challenge to our intelligence. By the middle of September we had found out enough about it to design counter-measures, but this particular jamming equipment could not be produced for a further two months. In consequence Kampf Gruppe 100 could still bomb with accuracy. The enemy hastily formed a pathfinder group from it, which they used to drop bombs in the target area by incendiary bombs, and these became the guide for the rest of the de-Klekkobed Luftwaffe.

Coventry, on November 14-15, was the first target attacked by the new method. Although our new jamming had now started, a technical error prevented it from becoming effective for another few months. Even so, our knowledge of the beams was helpful. From the settings of the hostile beams and the times at which they played, we could forecast, the time, route and height of attack. Our night fighters had, alas, at this date, neither the numbers nor the equipment to make much use of the information. It was nevertheless invaluable to our fire-fighting and

other Civil Defence services. Meanwhile decoy fires, code-named "Starfish," on a very large scale were lighted by us with the right timing in suitable open places to lead the main attack astray, and these sometimes achieved remarkable results.

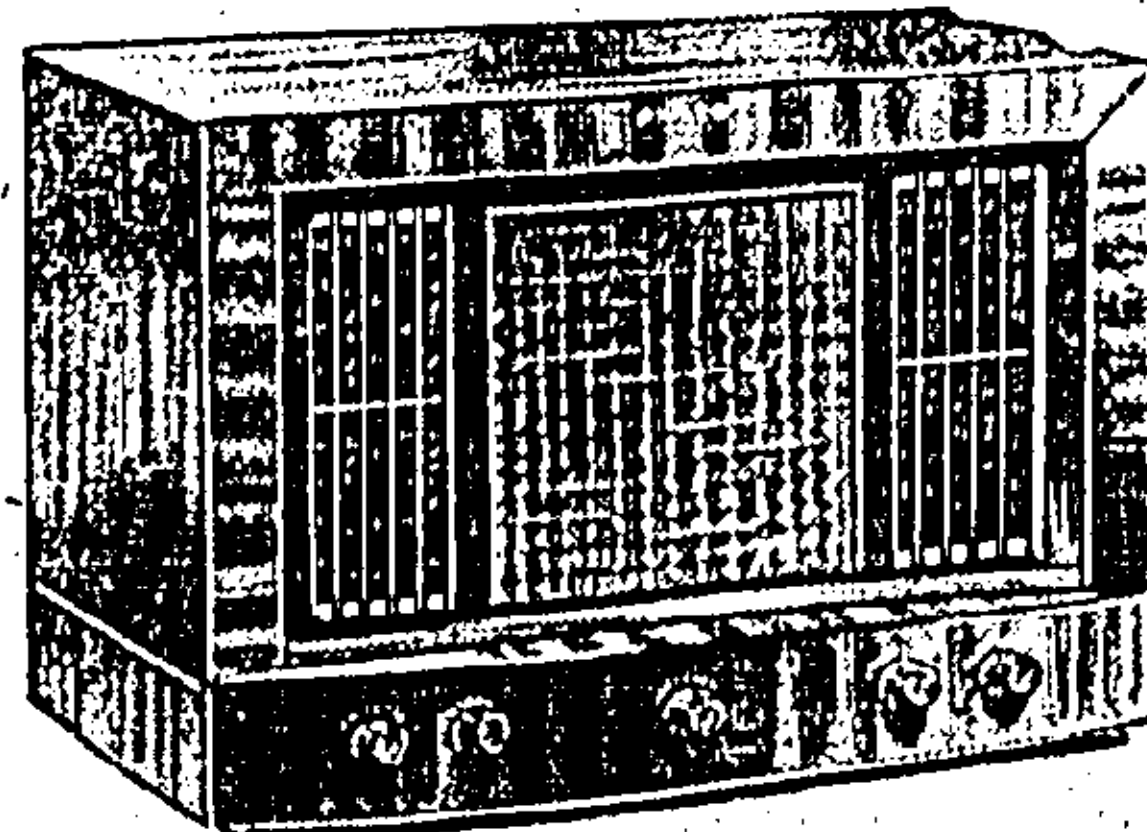
Exact Method

By the beginning of 1941 we had mastered the "X apparatus"; but the Germans were also thinking hard, and about this time they brought in a new aid called the "Y apparatus." It was the two earlier systems, had both used cross beams over the target, the new system used only one beam, together with a special method of range-finding by radio, by which the aircraft could be told how far it was along the beam. When it reached the correct distance it dropped its bombs. By good fortune and the genius and devotion of all concerned, we had divined the exact method of working the "Y apparatus" some months before the Germans were able to use it in operations, and by the time they were ready to make it their pathfinder, we had the power to render it useless.

On the very first night when the Germans committed themselves to the "Y apparatus" our new counter-measures came into action against them. The success of our efforts was manifest from the acrimonious remarks heard by our listening instruments passing between the pathfinder aircraft and their controlling ground stations. The faith of the enemy air crews in their new device was thus shattered at the outset, and after many failures the method was abandoned. The bombing of Dublin on the night of May 30-31, 1941, may well have been an unforeseen and unintended result of our interference with "Y."

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Israel Makes Demands At Rhodes Talks

Rhodes, March 12.

The Israeli delegation to the peace talks here today presented demands for jurisdiction in Jerusalem at the joint Israeli-Transjordan armistice meeting in the office of the Acting Mediator Dr. Ralph Buncho.

A United Nations spokesman said that the Transjordan delegation was to make a counter-proposal. He said the meetings continued in a "friendly atmosphere."

The spokesman would not reveal details of the Israeli demand beyond saying that they involved a transfer of jurisdiction over the points in the Jerusalem area.

It was believed the Israelis submitted demands for access to the isolated Mount Scopus site of the Hebrew University, to other places in the Old City and to Jerusalem's Southern front lines.

The Transjordan delegates were making their proposals known tonight at an informal meeting in the office of Dr. Buncho.

Informed sources said that the attitudes of the delegations were "widely apart." They expected that Dr. Buncho would have to work out his own scheme if neither side gave way, as in the case of the Israeli-Egyptian negotiations.

The leader of the Transjordan delegation, Colonel Ahmed El Jundi, told Reuters that he hoped, now that a cease-fire had been signed, that clashes such as had been recently reported, would "definitely cease."

Brigadier General William Riley, the United Nations Palestine Chief of Staff, and M. Henri Vigier, the Acting Mediator's personal representative, returned today from Beirut for talks with Dr. Buncho.

They will leave for Beirut on Monday for the next day's Israeli-Lebanese armistice conference at Ras El Nakura, on the Israeli-Lebanese border.

A United Nations spokesman tonight said Dr. Buncho had asked the Israeli and Transjordan delegates to meet twice tomorrow to discuss the demands for jurisdiction.

The spokesman said "no concrete results" had been achieved at this evening's discussions of the Transjordan proposals on Jerusalem.

He thought there were hopes of an agreement in the coming week in the Israeli-Lebanese armistice talks at Ras El Nakura.—Reuters.

PI Political Rallies

Manila, March 13.

Rival factions of the split Liberal Party last night aired their differences before peaceful crowds of 10,000 each attending two political rallies.

One assembly heard President Elpidio Quirino's supporters criticise Jose Avelino, Liberal Party chairman and ousted Senate President.

In the second rally, Avelino's followers denounced President Quirino's administration. They attempted to justify the Senate strike being staged by Avelino and nine other Upper House members.

Police guarding against possible disorder were idle.—Associated Press.

Forts Suggested For Malaya

London, March 12.

Suggestions for effectively policing Malaya on a regional basis by the use of forts are made in a letter to the "Times" today from Mr. G. F. Hawkins, a former frontier corps officer in the North West Frontier Province.

"Could not a modification of the system in force on the North West Frontier, Pakistan, where comparatively few irregular troops based on a number of forts and camps maintain peace over large and turbulent areas, be introduced with advantage in Malaya?" he asked.

Mr. Hawkins said that on the frontier, headquarters forts are established at points up to 20 miles apart. On each of these depend two posts located about eight miles away, thus the whole country is divided into areas of about 50 square miles.

"In the event of trouble, the local garrison is usually strong enough to cope with it. If not, assistance can be demanded immediately (by radio) from any other post in the vicinity."

"In Malaya the trouble seems to be that the planters are extremely isolated and that the military cannot or will not

keep their troops sufficiently decentralised."

Mr. Hawkins said that it would not be necessary to build permanent forts or to maintain large garrisons.

"The whole essence of the affair would be to establish a network of posts in the 'hostile' area so that light forces, adequately armed with automatic weapons and efficiently commanded, might operate at very short notice wherever necessary."—Reuters.

Berlin News Vendors Held

Berlin, March 12.

The American zone police today seized 24 news vendors and confiscated 1,700 copies of Russian-licensed newspapers.

The raids climaxed the second day of the revived East-West newspaper war in Berlin.

The vendors were released soon after their arrest and the police made only routine examination of their identification papers. They will be ordered to appear before a United States Military Government court.

The authorities reiterated that the sale of all licensed Russian publications has been banned in the American, British and French sectors of Berlin. This move was taken last autumn in reprisal against the Russian prohibition on Western publications.—United Press.

More Refugees For Sumar Is.

Shanghai, March 13.

The International Refugee Organisation headquarters in Geneva has authorised enlarging the refugee settlement on Samar Island, Philippines.

A spokesman here says 5,000 DP's now can be sent to Samar, instead of 3,500 at one time.

The next ship is the Hua Lien, which will leave here within a week with another 500.—Associated Press.

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Mystery Regime Rules Koetaradja As Dutch Flag Flies Everywhere

Batavia, March 13. The red, white and blue tricolor of Holland flies today over all major Indonesian towns but one: Koetaradja, capital of the mysterious territory of Atjeh in North Sumatra.

Dutch soldiers or foreign newsmen have not penetrated the rugged mountains and thick forests of Atjeh since the Japanese invaded the East Indies seven years ago. Today, a government of the Indonesian Republic functions undisturbed in Koetaradja, a city of some 20,000 persons.

Geographically, Dutch troops wiped the rest of the Indonesian Republic off the map in a two-week offensive last December. In a race against international political developments, a small but well-equipped Netherlands Army seized an area many times the size of the tiny motherland in Europe.

Army Commander Lieutenant-General Simon Spoor called an official halt to the Dutch offensive in Sumatra the first week of January. But no mention was

made of Atjeh which is an important region, rich in oil and larger than Holland itself. Dutch army communiques have never referred to the region. Military spokesmen have remained tight-lipped when asked why no action was taken to restore Dutch sovereignty to this last hefty chunk of the Republic.

Exiled Republican leaders told the world after the Dutch had seized Jogjakarta, Republican capital, that Republican administration in Indonesia had not ended. They spoke of another "emergency government" operating somewhere in Northern Sumatra. Its exact whereabouts or composition never were revealed, but observers in Batavia were convinced that it was the seat of the hidden administration.

Guerilla Action

Recently Dutch authorities reported an increase in guerilla actions along the Atjeh frontier. Armed bands still harass the population and Dutch Army within a few miles of the important commercial city of Medan.

Why have the Dutch allowed the Atjehese to go their own independent way? Because they can do little else, seems to be the answer.

It took about 200 years longer for the Dutch to take over Atjeh than the rest of the Indies. London before smoldering Indonesian nationalism erupted into a nationwide movement after the Japanese surrender, Atjeh was the sore spot in the Netherlands empire of the East. Fanatical Muslim tribes managed to keep Western dominance outside Atjeh until the Dutch "blood and iron" General J. B. van Heutz moved into Koetaradja in 1904. His entry brought to an end 30 years of colonial warfare which had consumed thousands of Netherlands lives and a great slice of Holland's colonial profits. Even then, it was not until after the end of the first world war, in 1918, that military administration was abolished in Atjeh.

The Dutch never won the hearts of the fiery Atjehese, but it appeared equally unlikely that the Indonesian Republic, largely Japanese in character, was ever fully accepted by them. The Atjehese never liked intruders of any kind.

North Sumatra

Little word has seeped out about life in Northern Sumatra since World War II. Apparently, though, the Atjehese have been getting along fairly well. Koetaradja remains the hub of a lively smuggling trade with the nearby Malay States. Tan-skinned masters of native sailing boats, ignoring a Dutch blockade at sea, continue bartering valuable products such as rice and rubber for whatever Malayan merchants have to offer in return. Dutch planes have frequently observed running trains and busy traffic along Atjeh's lowland section on the East coast.

The Dutch found early last year the feelings of the Atjehese toward them had not changed for the better. When a Netherlands destroyer stopped a fleet of boats for inspection off the coast of North Sumatra, the resounding boom of heavy coast batteries rang from the hazy shore. Native crews were ably helping guns left behind by the Japanese.

It was not until last autumn that representatives of the United Nations' three-power commission for Indonesia broke Atjeh's isolation and visited Koetaradja. They observed fortifications had been erected around the town along the pattern once used by General Van Heutz. They reported intricate defence system with many bridges already removed. Bamboo pipelines for gasoline were laid around towns for efficient "scorched earth" tactics in case of invasion.

Exactly why the Dutch avoided a stab at Atjeh and its oil fields in their recent military sweep against the Republic is not known. One explanation was that Dutch military strength in Sumatra, estimated at a few divisions for an area 16 times bigger than Holland, was inadequate for a short, successful blitz.

The Dutch apparently pin their hopes now on a conciliatory attitude from the unknown Atjeh government. Holland and non-Republican parts of Indonesia hope Atjeh will voluntarily take part in the blueprinted Indonesian Federation of the future.

But for now, the political status of Indonesia remains uncertain—except in Atjeh. In that one spot there is no doubt that the nationalist Indonesian slogan "Seratus Persen Merdeka," meaning "Complete Freedom," is a reality.—Associated Press.

Mine Shutdown Threatened

London, March 12. Britain's Labour Government today threatened to shut down five nationalised coal mines in Yorkshire unless the miners increase production.

The National Coal Board warned miners at the New Monkton collieries to improve their attitude, attendance and output or expect a shutdown by July.—United Press.

China's New Premier A Military Man

Shanghai, March 13.

China's new Premier, Ho Ying-chin, like acting President Li Tsung-jen has been a military man all his active life.

Spectacles give his photograph a professor's look, but in the flesh he is an animated man of medium build who reputedly long has wanted to streamline China's vast armies. Like Li he also is from the South West, born in Kweichow province in 1889. Li was born in Kwangsi to the South.

Unlike Li, Ho got his military education in Japan—at the same staff college where Chiang Kai-shek was trained.

He joined Chiang in supporting Sun Yat-sen's revolution and became Dean at 35 of the Whampoa Military Academy in Canton in 1924. He commanded troops in Chiang's Northern expedition in the decisive battle between Shanghai and Nanking which clinched Chiang's control of the Yangtze Valley.

For 14 years after 1930 Ho served as Minister of War, later called National Defence. Much of this time he was concurrently Chief of Staff administering Chiang's overmanned armies, which he sought to reduce and put on a more economic basis. However, the Chinese say "political decisions" by the Gimo usually prevented such plans getting very far.

Although Ho usually is known as "Chiang's man," the Chinese say there always was some friction between him and the Gimo. They assert his commonly ascribed influence over Chiang's Whampoa officers' clique is easily overestimated. Despite this fact this was said to be one of the reasons Li Tsung-jen wanted to make him Premier in order to gain influence of this group.

Despite personal ties to the Gimo, Ho was always classified as another "South-Western General" like Li Tsung-jen and Pao Chung-hsi, with whom he is now joining forces to initiate peace negotiations with the Communists.

Whatever his real relations with the Gimo, Ho was cast out of the Defence Ministry late in the Japanese war but retained his Chief of Staff position. In this capacity after V J Day he accepted the surrender of Nanking from his old school.

Burmese Rush Fresh Units To Mandalay Area

Rangoon, March 12.

Government reinforcements were being rushed Northward from the Kyaukse district, immediately South of Mandalay, to the fighting around Mandalay, an official announcement here said tonight.

Karen tribesmen were earlier reported to have occupied part of the ancient capital of the Burmese kings, 500 miles North of Rangoon.

Heavy fighting between the insurgents and Burmese Government troops was taking place both inside and outside Mandalay, it was reported.

At Madaya, near Mandalay, the Communists were said to have joined hands with the Karen insurgents.

According to the battle of Mandalay began yesterday when Karen tribesmen poured down from the hills to the West towards the city, which stands on the Irrawaddy river and is the second largest city in Burma.

The Government defences 13 miles from the city, after advancing from Maymye, the town 40 miles West of Mandalay, which stands on the railway to Lashio, in the Northern Shan hills.

Mandalay, which is also a junction of Burma's trunk railways, has a population of about 200,000, which includes about 25,000 Indians.

A Rangoon press report said today that Bo Po Kun, the leader of the "White Band" insurgent followers of the People's Volunteer Organisation, will preside over an important PVO conference at Yanagyang, the largest Burma oil town 300 miles North of Rangoon.

The report said the PVO and the Government had reached a settlement on 10 of the 13 demands made by the PVO. The most important of them was unity with leftist organisations throughout the country.

According to the report, the three demands still unsettled were the withdrawal of all repressive measures, including the Public Order Preservation Act, under which the Government is empowered to detain anyone without giving a reason; the reinstatement of Army deserters in their former positions; and the release of all political prisoners.

The "White Band" members of the PVO were expelled from the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League and joined the "White Flag" Communists in their revolt against the Premier, Thakin Nu's, Government last summer. They demanded that Burmese policy should be framed in consultation with the insurgent Communists.—Reuters.

NATIONAL GUARD

Washington, March 12. Major General Kenneth F. Cramer, the United States National Guard Chief, announced tonight that the National Guard reached a strength of 329,014 officers and other ranks on March 1.

This is only 11,386 short of the 341,000 goal set for June 30. In 1940, the Guards numbered 190,491.—Reuters.

POLICE ATTACKED

Calcutta, March 13. Communists armed with bows and arrows attacked seven policemen in a village 80 miles from Calcutta, dispatches yesterday said.

After a brief exchange, the Communists fled, leaving two behind.—Associated Press.

SPRIT OF RECOVERY IN THE AIR IN UK

London, March 12.

The British man in the street, shivering in a chill East wind this week, nevertheless felt a glow within. A spirit of recovery from his years of austerity and hardship seemed to be in the air.

Lines of customers had suddenly disappeared from tobacconist shops. Inside, shelves carried cigarettes of all brands.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson, had decided to abolish the rationing of clothes. Britons promised themselves a new elegance this Spring.

Next month, sweets would be off the ration. The sweet-toothed looked forward to a minor orgy to make up for all the years of scarcity.

There were hints that motor cars would soon be available for the home market.

A British firm demonstrated the world's cheapest television set at £38, plus about £8 sales tax, and it looked as though this would set rival manufacturers stripping their prices down.

To the common man all these signs seemed to point to the coming of prosperity, the reward of all his patience.

In the banks, on the Stock Exchange, in the board rooms of big business, they were not so sure.

Economists and businessmen feared that through the slumps, it might turn out to be a fool's paradise.

To them a more significant pointer to the real trend was the Stock Exchange, where prices keep falling as profits recede from the fat figures of only a year or two ago.

Prosperity Signs

The apparently innocent signs of returning prosperity, they declared, could easily be unmasked for the ugly things they were.

More cigarettes in the shops? Only because the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, will present his Budget next month and wholesalers, anti-

spelling a cut in the tax, want to unload at the present high price.

Clothes with coupons? Because the shortage of money now provides its own rationing system.

More goods coming on to the home market? Because—and this is the threat worrying economists most—some export markets are showing signs of drying up.

The Government's policy has not changed. Its cry is still "Export, export, export," but growing difficulty in selling abroad is forcing it to divert some articles to the home market.

These goods are not being snapped up as they would have been two years ago. Money is scarce, prices and sales tax are too high.

Prophecy are forecasting that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, will reduce the sales tax. Manufacturers are pressing him strongly to do so. The radio industry, for instance, blames the heavy tax for low sales.

But even though this budget may be an important influence politically—the general election is due next year—economists do not believe many concessions to the taxpayers are possible. Increased estimates show that the Chancellor will have to budget for an extra £250,000,000. This leaves little scope for anything except a few concessions, such as a penny or two off beer or cigarettes.

Meanwhile, the man in the street took his wife out this week to look at the dazzling new displays in the shop windows. The sight of it all made him feel good—perhaps it never occurred to him that the swing doors did not seem to be turning so busily.—Reuters.



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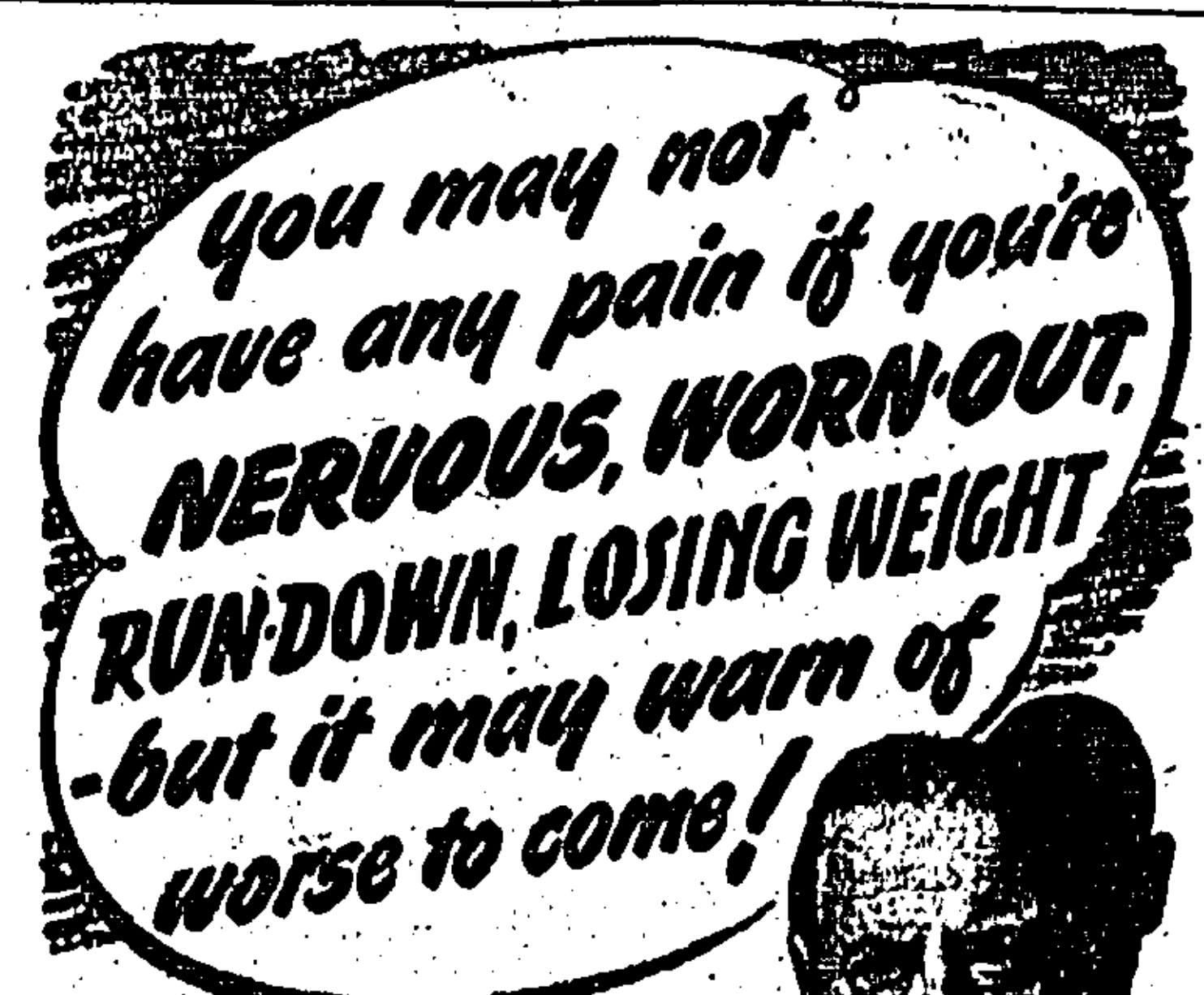
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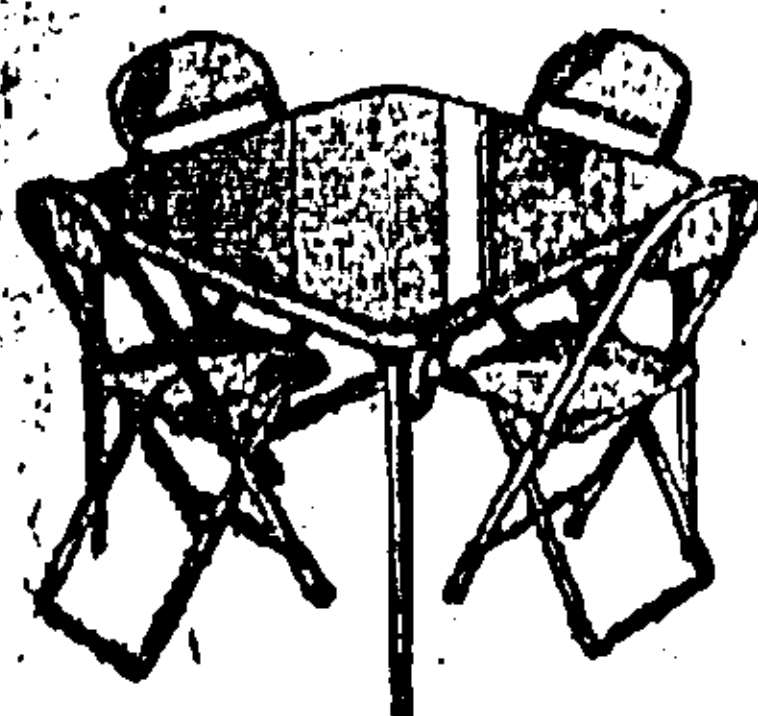
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Workers Laid Off In Coal Strike

New York, March 12.

America's railways have announced that they will
lay off 36,500 workmen because of a two-week
strike called in the coal fields East of the
Mississippi River.

In most instances, those laid off are engaged directly
in the handling of fuel shipments, which con-
stitute the bulk of traffic on some railways.

The Chesapeake and Ohio
Railroad today posted notices
laying off 10,000 workers on
Wednesday, as the first effects
of the threatened fortnight's
shut-down of most of the coun-
try's coal mines hit the United
States.

Some 400,000 miners in pits
East of the Mississippi River have
been ordered to quit work by
Lewis, the United Mineworkers
Union leader, to stay away from
their jobs for two weeks starting
Monday.

Mr. Lewis has ordered the
shut-down as a protest against
President Truman's selection of
Mr. James Boyd as Director of
the Bureau of Mines.

Other major strikes are threat-
ened in New York City, the
Railway Express Agency has al-
most halted operations and 9,000
employees face a lay-off.

Thousands are already idle in
a dispute over contracts between
the Brotherhood of Railway and
Steamship Clerks Union (affili-
ated to the American Federation
of Labour) and the company.

Union officials have asked the
President of the Union, Mr.
George M. Harrison, leading the
negotiations nearly a year old in
Chicago, for permission to picket
New York's two biggest railway
stations, the Grand Central Ter-
minal and the Pennsylvania.

The stoppage began with a
"go-slow" four days ago as a
protest against what the Union
described as stalling in the
negotiations. The Union is asking
for a 40-hour five-day week
and wage increases.

In Detroit, the United Auto
Workers Union (affiliated to the
Congress of Industrial Organisa-
tions) said that it would not
change its plan to seek pension
and wage demands for some
100,000 production workers for
the Ford Motor Company.

The Union President, Mr.
Walter P. Reuther, said that the
company's claims that it could not
grant the demands and meet competition
in a buyers' market.
Mr. Reuther said the company's
"plot of poverty was
unimpressive."

In Chicago, representatives of
the country's railways and 19
non-operating unions, with a
membership of about one mil-
lion, continued efforts to settle
an hours and wages dispute.
They were reported to have
agreed to all issues except on
the application of a 40-hour
week.—Reuter.

Europe's Post-War Recovery

Paris, March 12.

Western Europe is going into
its fourth post-war spring with
jobs for almost everyone ex-
cept Italians and Germans.

The worry is more about lack
of workers than about unem-
ployment, an Associated Press
survey showed. With food con-
ditions the best since the war
and U.S. aid assured, the
average Western European looks
forward to a better life—as long
as war can be avoided.

Between them Italy and West-
ern Germany have almost three
million jobless, official figures
say. Manpower experts see some
hope that Germany will straight-
en itself out. Italy, can do so
only if a way is found for some
200,000 workers to leave the
country every year.

Only about 300,000 Britons are
out of work. The rest are en-
joying an easing of clothes
rationing and an end to sweets
rationing for the first time since
the war. Britain is even trying to
import certain types of workers
—particularly miners and textile
hands.

Some 120,000 Frenchmen lack
a job and the number is grow-
ing slightly but it is still less
than one per cent of the labour
forces. For the rest there is al-
most unlimited food and some of
the prices are even dropping.

France, too, needs miners and
farm workers and has asked the
European Recovery Plan Or-
ganisation to find some 300,000
of them by 1952.—Associated
Press.

Cubans Threaten To Lynch Drunken American Sailors

Havana, March 13.

An enraged Cuban crowd threatened to lynch three
drunken U.S. sailors after watching them de-
sacrate the statue of the Cuban national hero
by indecent acts.

The U.S. Ambassador apologised on Saturday, end-
ing a threatened international incident. After
the apology, Cuban students called off plans
for a "national day of mourning" at the affront
to the statue.

All Havana was aroused. The
newspaper Alertax said the
nation's feelings were "deeply
wounded". It published huge
editorials and a cartoon depict-
ing an American sailor perched
on the head of the statue of
Jose Marti, Cuba's apostle of
liberty.

The crowd threatened to lynch
the sailors. Police, who described
the culprits as "roaring drunk,"
died into the air to save them.

"Only excellent, prompt and
effective work by the Cuban
police avoided an extremely se-
rious riot," said Captain Thomas
Cullen, Naval attaché of the U.S.
Embassy.

On Saturday, U.S. Ambassador
Mr. Robert Butler placed a wreath
on Marti's statue. He went to
the central park scene in company
with Carlos Hevia, Cuba's Minis-
ter of State, to whom he had ex-
pressed "very profound regret at
the unfortunate conduct of several
sailors of the United States Navy."

There were 11 sailors involved
in the riotous proceedings. Ap-
parently eight of them were just
passers-by. Three of the sailors,
all from the USS Minesweeper
Rodman, cavorted around the
statue while rage swept through
a watching crowd of Cubans.

The three sailors were released
by police in custody of Captain
Cullen on condition they be dis-
ciplined by the Navy. The sail-
ors are among several thousand
here this week on a carrier, three
minesweepers and a tug. The
visiting ships, with the offending
sailors aboard, left Havana on
schedule early Saturday.

Before Mr. Butler's visit to the
State Department, about 200 uni-
versity students demonstrated be-
fore the U.S. Embassy in down-
town Havana.

"Fuera, Yankis! (Get out Yan-
kees) they shouted. Two stones
were hurled through a window of
the Embassy entrance.—Associ-
ated Press.

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Good News For The Seasick

Good news for you "bad" of an attack of hives. She took
sailors and air travellers. it just before going for a tram
ride, where she invariably felt
ill from the swaying—but not
after taking this dramamine.

There is a prevention and a
cure for seasickness, sickness
on other forms of "motion" sick-
ness from car or train travel.

It is a drug called drama-
mine. To your chemist it is
beta-dimethylaminoethyl benzo-
hydryl ether or chlorotho-
phyllinate.

GIs Tried It

It has been found to be 97.5
per cent. effective as a result of
intensive experiments carried
out by two American doctors
who tried it out among others,
on a shipload of G.I.s during a
crossing of the Atlantic at its
worst. The winter in a troop-
ship was described for the
experiment because it behaved
like a "bucking bronco."

Less than two per cent. of the
soldiers given the drug as a pre-
ventive were seasick; in another
group where the medicine was al-
lowed to develop in its natural
way the drug failed in only
about three per cent. of the
cases.

It all began because an un-
named American woman wasn't
sick in a tram one day.

She was given a capsule of
dramamine to try to cure her

Report to Doctors

The fact was reported to two
doctors from John Hopkins
University, Baltimore, America's
No. 1 medical centre—Dr. Leslie
Gay and Dr. Paul Carliner—who
since the beginning of the war
had been trying to find a cure
for seasickness.

They started giving dramamine
to air travellers prone to sick-
ness, with excellent results.

The drug was then tentatively
tried out last year in the U.S.
luxury liner America, where ail-
ing passengers were asked if
they would care to try this new
cure, and most of them agreed
because they didn't care one way
or the other whether or not they
were treated as human guinea-
pigs.

Success of the America experi-
ment was so promising that the
two doctors decided to try it out
on the Army.

They did, on some of the 1,376
G.I.s sailing in the troopship
General Balfour during an ex-
tremely rough crossing from New
York to Bremerhaven this win-
ter.

No Complications

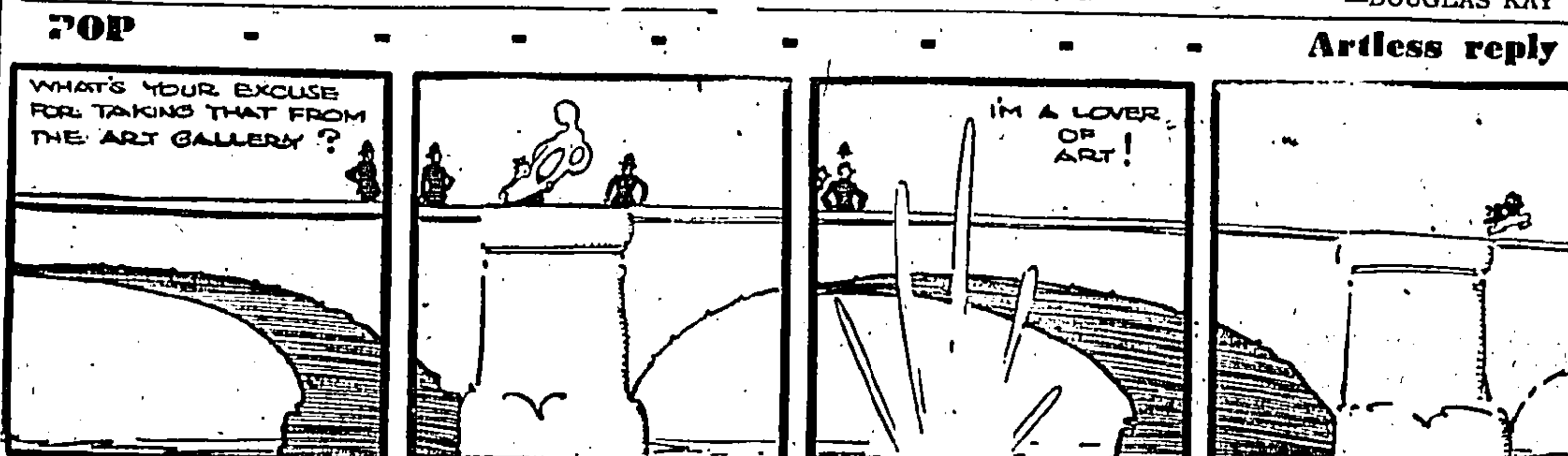
Out of 418 cases of sickness,
ranging from mild to violent
spasms, 407 were directly cured
by dramamine, and in 11 was
there only partial relief or fail-
ure.

"Careful observation was
made," said Dr. Carliner, "for
any unpleasant symptoms from
this drug, but though thousands
of capsules have been given
there was not one case of illness
or discomfort which necessitated
discontinuance."

So now, after this experiment
and others since carried out, the
doctors feel sure they really have
discovered a cure and a preven-
tion to sea and other "motion"
sicknesses.

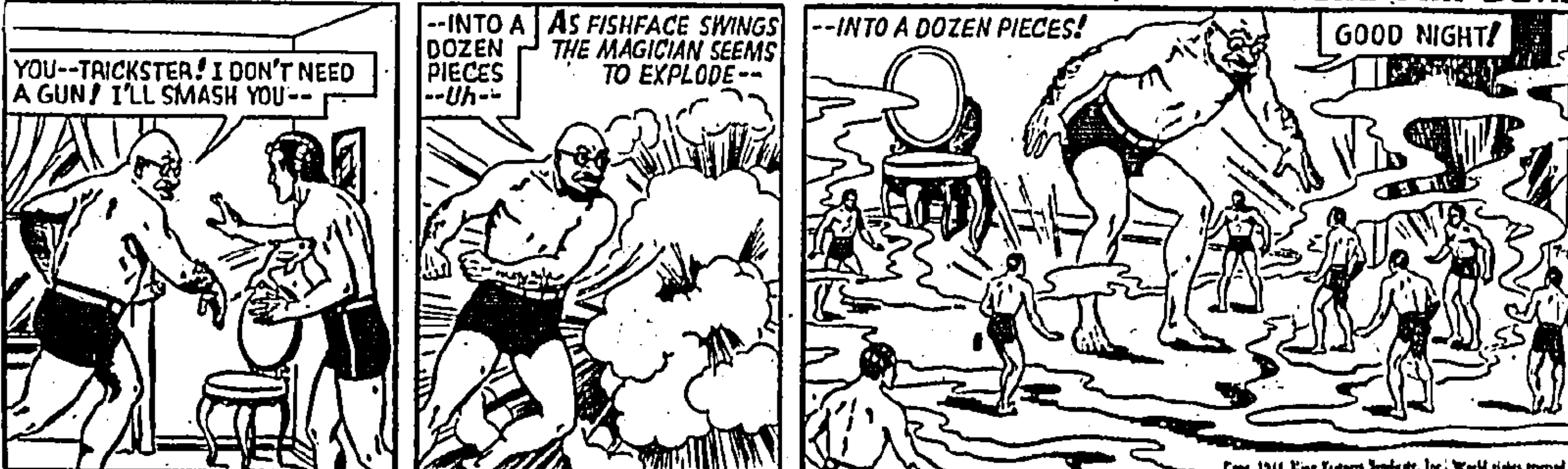
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

BANKS, BUSINESSES HIT BY RUNAWAY INFLATION

Canton, March 12.

The galloping inflation of China's Gold Yuan is running away from the printing presses and the resultant shortage of notes has created fabulous difficulties for banks and businesses alike.

Banks have been forced to limit withdrawals of each by depositors to a small percentage of total deposits. The banks themselves are limited as to the amount they can draw from the Central Bank of China, which distributes the notes as they come from the presses.

Shipment Of Rice For China Due

Washington, March 13.

A. U.S. Agriculture Department spokesman said on Saturday that 104,300 bays of rice will be shipped to China within 24 days. Each bay is 100 pounds.

On Friday the Department announced the purchase of the rice for needy areas abroad. On Saturday, a department spokesman said it was all destined for China.

The purchase included U.S. number five or better grades of early profile blue rice, genit, magnolia and other varieties. Prices ranged from \$6.74 to \$7.03 per hundred pounds delivered at ports.

The spokesman said he understood the Philippine Embassy is negotiating for the purchase of rice for the Philippines in a private transaction. He said he did not know the outcome. Officials at the Embassy were not available for comment.—Associated Press.

CAR'S RADIATOR CATCHES FIRE

Pedestrians outside 157 Argyle Street were treated to some brief excitement yesterday afternoon when shortly after 3 o'clock, car No. 2509, a Buick roadster, which was turning into house No. 157 suddenly developed engine trouble. The radiator caught fire. At the arrival of a fire appliance, the hood of the car was hastily uncovered, and the fire was put out in a matter of seconds.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after March 21, 1949 will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on March 18, 1949 at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before April 14, 1949, or they will not be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected.

JEBSEN & CO., Agents.

Hong Kong, March 14, 1949.

Every day, cases of new notes are received by ship and planes. As they come in larger and larger denominations, and as the inflation spiral continues upward small notes become unusable and are withdrawn from circulation, adding to the demands on the printing presses and forcing further limitations on withdrawals.

A few weeks ago, a local businessman received a call from his bank asking him to increase his GY deposit. It seemed the bank needed cash to meet even a part of withdrawal applications and could get it only if regular depositors could increase the amount in currency accounts.

The South China office of ECA received a GY330,000,000—then about US\$10,000,000—remittance from its Shanghai headquarters two weeks ago to meet commitments on several local projects. Since that time, the office has been able to withdraw only GY200,000,000, in lots of 10,000,000 to 25,000,000 at a time.

Notice To Consignees STATES MARINE LINES FAR EAST SERVICE

Consignees per Steamer "GARDEN STATE"

are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into Kowloon Godowns, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Kowloon Godowns. Cargo will be ready for delivery from the Godowns on and after March 14, 1949.

Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m. on March 19, 1949.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after March 20, 1949, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before March 27, 1949, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hong Kong, March 14, 1949.

Mark Rises In Value In West Berlin

Berlin, March 12.

The Western Deutschmark rose in value on Berlin currency markets today as reports circulated that it would shortly become the sole legal tender in the city's Western sectors.

The West mark, which normally sells for 3.20 to 3.30 Soviet-backed Eastern marks, was buying 4.50 to 4.70 on Saturday. It gained 20 percent overnight and 1.20 during the past week. Exchange offices reported trading was heavy, although it did not reach the feverish pitch seen last month.

All Berlin newspapers carried reports that the American, British and French commandants had reached agreement on designation of the West mark as the sole legal tender in Western sectors. It had been known the move was under consideration for some months, but a U.S. military Government spokesman said "We have no new information."—United Press.

POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

OUTWARD MAIL TO U.K.
 A surface mail to United Kingdom per RMS "Cunard" will be closed as follows:—

Monday, March 14

GPO: (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 5.30 a.m.
 Kowloon GPO: (Reg.) 5.30 a.m. (Ord.) 9 a.m.

This mail is expected to arrive at London on or about April 16, 1949.

With effect from March 2, 1949, all correspondence intended to be forwarded by air to London only, and then by surface mail to destination, must be superseded by "By Air to London only". (In future it will not be sufficient to merely supersede such correspondence "via London".)

Mail Service to Tientsin and Peking is temporarily suspended until further notice.

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

MONDAY, MARCH 14

Closing Times by Air
 Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon GPO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 4.30 p.m., 6.30 p.m., 8.30 p.m., 10.30 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Nanking and Tientsin: Airmail for Nanking and Tientsin: Airmail for Swatow, Amoy and Tientsin, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Fookchow, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea
 Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, Madag., Mascare., East and South Africa, Bombay, Aden, Egypt and Europe via London, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Formosa via Keelung, 10 a.m.

Rangoon, 10 a.m.

Holbow and Fakhel via Holbow, Noon.

Straits, Noon.

Shanghai, 2 p.m.

Nagasaki, 3 p.m.

Japan, 3 p.m.

Tsankong (via Canton), 5 p.m.

Trading In Stocks At Slow Pace

New York, March 13.

Stocks moved ahead timidly yesterday. Favored issues gained from fractions to around a point. Numerous issues stood still and some slipped backward.

Turnover was moderate at around 350,000 shares. Rails, which led Friday's advance, ran into a little difficulty although several small gains were posted. Heavily traded stocks up minor fractions included United Corporation at 34, American Radiator at 12 1/2, Sinclair Oil at 22 1/2, Paramount Pictures at 21 1/2, Consolidated Vultee at 10 1/2.

Dow Jones Averages:
 Stocks 64.88; 20 Industrials 178.96; 15 Rails 49.28; 10 Utilities 35.19.—Associated Press.

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aa. "CORFU"	3rd May	6th June
aa. "CANTON"	10th June	1st August
aa. "CANTHAGE"	17th July	14th August
aa. "CORFU"	3rd August	6th September
aa. "CANTON"	10th August	1st October
aa. "CANTHAGE"	17th September	14th November
aa. "CORFU"	3rd October	6th December

HOMEWARDS	LEAVES HONGKONG	DUE LONDON
aa. "CANTON"	14th March	16th April
aa. "CANTHAGE"	15th April	17th May
aa. "CORFU"	16th May	18th June
aa. "CANTON"	17th June	19th July
aa. "CANTHAGE"	18th July	20th August
aa. "CORFU"	19th August	21st September
aa. "CANTON"	20th September	22nd October
aa. "CANTHAGE"	21st October	23rd November
aa. "CORFU"	22nd November	24th December

FREIGHT SERVICE

aa. "TREVINE"	In port.	for Shanghai & Japan.
aa. "TREVYLAN"	10th March	Hong Kong cargo transhipped at Singapore to m.s. "TREVING".
aa. "BOMALI"	10th Mar.	from Kobe & Shanghai.
	sails 16th Mar.	for Straits, Colombo, Port Sudan, U.K. & Continent.
aa. "TREVINE"	sails 16th Apr.	for Straits, Colombo, U.K. & Continent.
aa. "TREVYLAN"	sails 20th Apr.	from London & Continent.
aa. "BOMALI"	sails 20th Apr.	from London & Continent.

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aa. "BIRDHANA"	due 14th Mar.	from Calcutta via Straits for Amoy & Japan.
aa. "BANGOLA"	sails 17th Mar.	from Japan & Shanghai, for Straits, Amoy & Calcutta. Accepts Chittagong & Madras cargo.
aa. "DAYDEAN"	due end Mar.	from Japan & Shanghai, for Singapore, Penang, Madras, Bombay, Karachi and Persian Gulf.
aa. "BIRDHANA"	due 31st Mar.	from Japan & Shanghai, for Straits, Amoy & Calcutta. Accepts Chittagong & Madras cargo.
aa. "TAIRFA"	due 14th Apr.	from Calcutta via Straits for Japan via Amoy.
aa. "RICHMOND HILL"	due 20th Apr.	from Japan via Amoy.
aa. "BIRDHANA"	sails 24th Apr.	for Japan (Far East/ Bombay Service).
aa. "SHIRALA"	due 25th Apr.	for Calcutta via Straits, for Japan via Amoy.
aa. "BANGOLA"	sails 25th Apr.	for Japan via Amoy.
aa. "TUNEA"	due end Apr.	from Japan (Far East/ Bombay Service).

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	to Javaports & Macassar 21st March.
"THIASADANE" from Macassar & Javaports 17th March.	to Shanghai 19th March.
	to Manila 28th March.
	to Javaports & Macassar 31st March.
"TIBADAK" from Macassar & Javaports 1st April.	to Shanghai 3rd April.
	to Manila 12th April.
	to Javaports & Macassar 28th April.

ASIA-AFRICA-S. AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"TJIPANAS" In port.	to South Africa 23rd March.
"STRAAT MALAKKA" In port.	to East & South Africa & South America, 21st March.
"BOISSEVAI" from South America & South Africa, 31st March.	to East & South Africa & South America, 18th May.
"STRAAT SOENDA" In port.	to East & South Africa & South America, 13th June.

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Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

Arrivals	Sailings
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"MELISKERK" from Japan & Shanghai 28th March.	to Europe via Manila & Straits 29th March.
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HONG KONG WATERFRONT

By OUR HARBOUR REPORTER

Post Notes

Do you want to go Home? Then save yourself the trouble of making enquiries and avoid a hoarse larynx and tired feet. You'll get the same disappointing answer if you try now—Sorry, all bookings to UK reserved till August or September.

If you do have plans, however, contact one of the firms mentioned here and simply add your name to the waiting list; perhaps cancellations may occur and you're in earlier.

(Jardine, Matheson—30311; Butterfield & Swire—30331; Loxley—34103; Mackinnon, Mackenzie—27721; Bank Line—27792)

Last week saw an unprecedented influx of ocean-going ships making their first appearance in local waters.

Among them were several newly-built ships—Fornfield, America Transport and Selma Salen.

Aboard the ss. Corfu: He: Where are the children, dear?

She: They have measles. Dicky got it first and I let Kote and Mike play with him. It saves time and trouble that, you know.

The Honduran flag was hoisted recently over the ocean-going lighter San Rafael, which has now obtained Portuguese registry.

The former Royal Australian Army floating radio station at New Guinea arrived here last month to be the first Honduran vessel to visit us in a decade.

The 240-ton "OL" left last week-end for North Korea with a truck and a jeep, "parked" prominently on her deck, among her cargo which will be bartered for Korean products.

Two United States Navy ships visited us last week.

And the familiar hue and cry came again in many homes.

"It's about time somebody does something whenever an American Navy craft arrives," feminine voices protested vehemently.

Local girls are still fuming over what many described as humiliating experience encountered when walking round town during late evenings last week.

When unescorted by male companions, they alleged, visiting "gals" approached them irrespectfully and made no attempt whatsoever to distinguish them from the regular "ladies of the night."

(Ladies, please note—local schedules have no more USN craft till the end of March, at least.)

For the first time since the war the ss. Changte will call at Manila en route from Australia to Hong Kong.

The Butterfield and Swire vessel is due to leave "Down-Under" early next month.

She will be followed by the S. Taiping on this route very shortly.

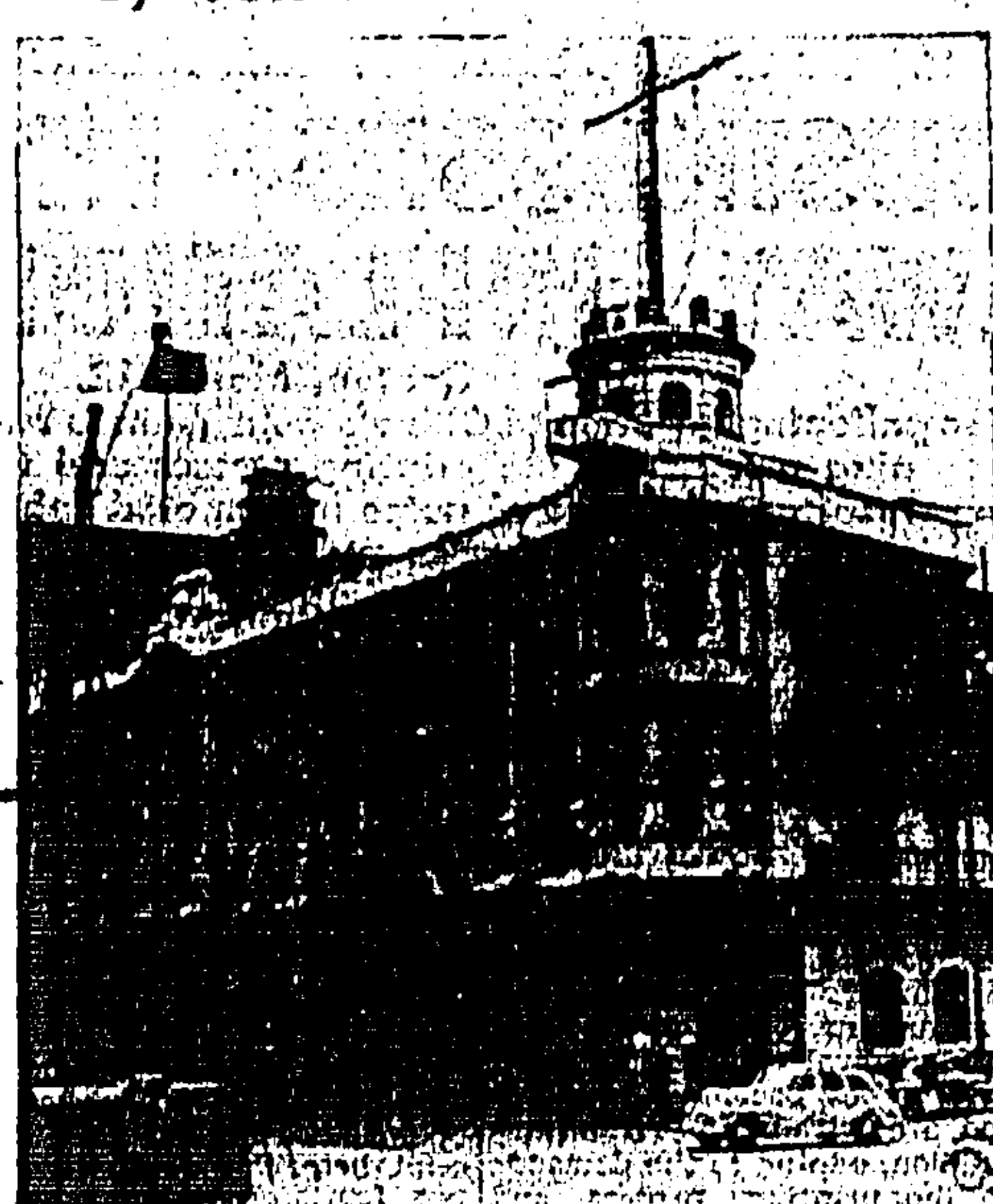
Rare peaks in local shipping operations were recorded last week-end.

Butterfield and Swire had 14 ships in port on Saturday. Permits issued for Sunday work reached the postwar peak of 80.

Practically all buoys in the "B" Section—B Buoys—were booked and occupied.

The inaugural luncheon of the Hong Kong Skat Club will be held on Wednesday in the Jacobson Room, Hong Kong Hotel, at 12.45 p.m. and all those employed in the travel business are invited.

Sponsor of this international organization is Mr. J. V. Kamerling, who has been transferred



Seen here is the Control Tower above the Marine Office at Connaught Road, Central, along the Praya, which keeps 24-hour vigilance on ships in the area between Stonecutters and the line stretching from Queen's Pier (Hong Kong) to "Big Ben" on the mainland.

Communication from this Tower is by radio telephones, wireless, a 10-inch projector and land telephones.

("China Mail" Photo)

Located at vantage points in the Harbour are the

Colony's four Signal Stations controlling the pulse of shipping movements.

They are the Marine Office Control Tower, Blackhead, Green Island and Waglan—each having its own responsibility but co-operating with one another to provide port communication facilities, which rank among the best in the Far East.

New methods have been introduced after the Liberation to modernise the former Flag System of communication, including the installation of radio telephones.

The main purpose of these stations is to avoid demurrage. They give warnings to the authorities concerned, including the Marine Police, pilot, shipping agents and the Medical Officer, of the arrival of ships, thus enabling the necessary preparations to be made within time.

Besides this important work, the Control Tower, situated above the Harbour Department at Connaught Road, Central,

from the Head Office of the Royal InterOcean Line (West Point) to the Branch Office to relieve Mr. G.M. Pilester, who is due to leave for Batavia.

Mr. Kamerling, in charge of the Passage Department, has been President of the Skat Club in Batavia for many years. He has been with the RIL for 20 years.

The week-end saw a sign of good business. Personnel aboard ships of the Tai Hing Shipping Company have their wages increased by two days. In addition they will get \$20 more for food.

Investigation into the dismissal of the ss. Anhui's chief officer's boy will begin today.

Mr. Au Yuen-kei, Secretary of the Chinese Seamen Union, reports he will communicate with Butterfield and Swire, local agents, regarding the complaint by a member who alleges that he was dismissed without reason.

But, above all, if she is a passenger liner, relatives and friends would have thronged the wharf or pier to welcome their kin on receiving advanced news of their arrival, as the ship approaches her pier.

The first report from Waglan gives more than an hour's warning, and normally by the time the ship eventually berths or moors the routine check-up would have been completed and everybody will be there.

Green Island

Green Island operates likewise, but concerns itself with river vessels, and occasionally coasters, coming in through the Western Entrance. This station works between dawn and dusk only.

Once a ship is in port the 24-hour vigilance of the Control Tower, which has a panoramic view of the Harbour (Continued at foot of next Col.)

WHO'S WHO

"For showing great courage and devotion to duty and setting a splendid example by inspiring leadership..."—so runs the citation of the O.B.E. (Civil Division) award to Chief Engineer George Newton Almond of the ss. Province, who is visiting us for the first time.

Mr. Almond comes from a Sunderland seafaring family. His forefathers, W. A. Strickland and Alfred N. Almond, were master and chief engineer, respectively. Uncle J. G. Almond, veteran master, was similarly decorated for war service.

The 38-year-old bachelor served his apprenticeship at Duxford's in 1932 and went to sea as an engineer in the ss. Rangatira (New Zealand Shipping Company), rising to chief engineer after service on several vessels of the company.

The war first saw him as an officer of the ss. Somerset which was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland. He then joined the 10-

000-ton troopship Harpagus, now as the ss. Treworlas of the P. and O. Line.

In June, 1944, during one of her hazardous trips the Harpagus hit a mine off the Normandy beaches when she was about to discharge her valuable war cargo. The master and some personnel were killed. The others landed safely. The forward part of the ship broke off and sank, leaving the aft afloat and which was subsequently beached. Mr. Almond boarded her with some colleagues and improvised pumping gear to cope with the water filling the engine room.

This enabled the cargo to be unloaded during the following 10 days.

The aft part was towed back home, where a new hull was built, these were grafted together after the war to form the Treworlas.

A typical "rough diamond," the chief engineer stands six feet high. His piercing blue eyes and full-grown moustache gives him the appearance of a martinet.

But beneath that rugged look lies a soft heart. Among his treasures are a pitch-black mother cat and three nursing kittens, which are under the vigilant care of their owner.

Working on a 24-hour schedule, these Stations are able to warn of any accident in the Harbour and notify the authorities promptly.

How It Operates

In an interview yesterday, the Superintendent of Lights explained how this efficient system operates.

On arriving at the fringe of local waters, the ship's master notifies Waglan, which controls the Eastern Entrance of the Harbour. By radio telephone the Control Tower receives this information, which will then be imparted to the various departments.

This message, generally by telephone from the Tower, simultaneously sets the routine circulation in motion.

The Blackhead Station is alerted and waits to confirm the entry of the ship into port through Lyman. Generally, Wang Kee and Company, Hong Kong's only known firm to provide pilots, sends a pilot to guide the vessel in.

The Medical launch, informed by radio telephone, prepares to board the vessel at Quarantine Bay; the shipping clerk, gathering the necessary documents, advising the stevedores at the same time; and the Marine Police. Boarding Staff stand by to check on immigration violations.

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